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GIGI!?
KAF KOFF
"WE'VE SEEN THE WORST OF IT."
LORD!?
ASH!? SOMEBODY SAY SOME-THING!
SOME-BODY--
ELGIE...
THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT. EVERY TIME.
...STOP YELLING.
GIGI!
GIGI, OH MY GOD!
ARE YOU OK?!

NO...
...I'M NOT OK.
...AND WE WERE ALWAYS WRONG.
KIDS?
GUYS, COME ON OUT.

IS EVERYONE OK?
SOUND OFF. MILO, ASH, ELEANOR, ARE YOU--
MAMA, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR EYE!? IS IT...
NOT RIGHT NOW, BABY.
WE HAVE TO MOVE.
I'M SCARED, MAMA.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
CHLOE, LORD? CAN YOU RUN?
ARE YOU HURT?
GIGI, YOUR EYE--
THERE ISN'T TIME. WE...
WE'RE GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS WRECK AND WE'RE GOING TO--
BUT WE CAN'T LEAVE!
THERE'S BAD KIND OUT THERE!
ASH, HONEY, THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO RUN.
WE'LL GET TO THE TREES. WE CAN'T STAY IN THIS--
NO. MAMA...

...BIG BAD KIND!
COUGH HACK
KOFF KOFF
OH GOD!
MAMA, WHAT IS IT??
IS THAT...
WHAT IS THAT THING!?
IT'S GIGANTIC!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO--
KOFF KAFF

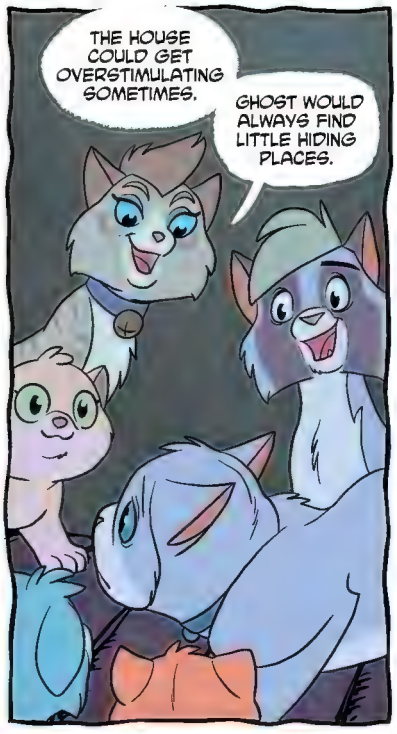
EVERYONE BREATHE.
WE'RE GOING TO BE OK.
WE JUST--
SLAM!
KOFF KHAF KOFF
WHAT'S IT--
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
SKREEEEEEEEEEEEE
WHAT DO WE DO!?
WHAT DO WE --
HEY!
WE'RE GOING TO BE OK!
WE JUST HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER.
THAT THING IS TOO BIG TO BE A FAST RUNNER.
THE OTHER BAD KIND HAVE SCATTERED, WE JUST HAVE TO RUN. FAST.
MAMA...
RUN WHERE ??
TO THE TREES.
IF WE CAN GET TO THE--
SLAM!
SLAM! SLAM!

SKREEEEEEEEE
HOLD ON TO SOME-THING!
I CAN'T...
I CAN'T...
BANG
CRASH!
I CAN'T GET A GOOD GRIP!
I DON'T HAVE CLAWS!
MAMA, HELP!
BANG
SLAM
CRASH!
HOLD ON, LORD!
JUST HOLD--

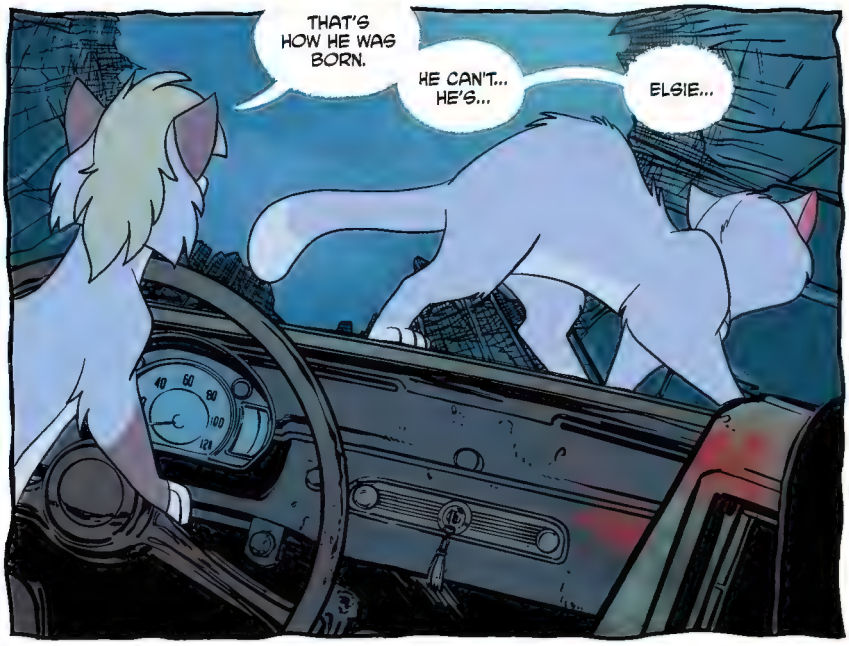
CRASH!
UGH
WH--
IS EVERY-ONE OK?
SOUND OFF.
ASH?
I'M HERE.
MILO? ELEANOR?
WE'RE OK.
LORD?!
I'M OK. CHLOE'S OK TOO.
BARELY.
WHAT ABOUT GIGI?
GIGI!?
ELSIE, KEEP IT TOGETHER!
FOCUS.
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.
THIS CAR IS A--
JINGLE JINGLE
MEW
WAIT. WHO SAID THAT?!

MEW
JINGLE
WHAT--
WHO THE HELL IS THAT!?
JINGLE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU DON'T KNOW GHOST??
FROM THE LADY'S HOUSE?
EVERYONE KNOWS GHOST.
IS THAT ...TRUE?
THAT'S NOT--
KIDS, DO YOU KNOW THIS CAT?

HE SEEMS NICE?
WHY IS HE HERE?!
HE WASN'T LOCKED IN THE BASEMENT.
WAS HE IN YOUR CRATE?!


THE HOUSE COULD GET OVERSTIMULATING SOMETIMES.
GHOST WOULD ALWAYS FIND LITTLE HIDING PLACES.

HE WAS IN HERE THIS WHOLE TIME?!
HOW COME HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING?
THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE IN THIS CAR HE DIDN'T--
HE DOESN'T HEAR ANYTHING.


THAT'S HOW HE WAS BORN.
HE CAN'T... HE'S...
ELSIE...

IS...
THAT...

...PATCH!
60
ELSIE, LOOK!
IT'S HIM!
IT'S REALLY...
OH NO.
KOFF KAF
...PATCH?

HEY PATCH?
ELSIE...
WHY DOESN'T HE ANSWER ME?
LORD, BE CAREFUL. HE'S...
HE'S SICK.
KOFF
KAGH
PATCH...
BUDDY. WHAT...
WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT--

GRRR
AAR
KOFF KOFF
LORD, WE CAN'T STAY...
KOFF
HACK KAGH
HUFF HUFF
ELSIE!

ELSIE, WE HAVE TO RUN!
LORD, SHE'S RIGHT.
WE HAVE TO GO.
PATCH!
PATCH, WAKE UP!!
WE HAVE TO GET TO THE TREES!
THERE ISN'T TIME FOR...
PATCH, COME ON, BUDDY.
WE HAVE TO GO!
WE'VE GOTTA...
KAF
KOFF

HIII

KOFF KOFF
WAP WAP WAP WAP
SLASH SLSH

SLASH KOFF COUGH
HISSSSSSSS
RUN!

HACK
RHUUU UH
KHAF
PATCH, RUN!!

NO...
LORD...
ELSIE, I CAN'T...

HACK KAH
...WE CAN'T LEAVE HIM!

RIP
RROOOOAARH
HACK
SCRATCH
LORD...
HE ISN'T IN THERE ANYMORE.
PATCH ISN'T...

HE'S NOT...
WE HAVE TO...
RUN!

GIGI! WAIT!
KOFF KOFF
KAK
REEOOWWW
HACK HACK
COUGH
KAK
KAK COUGH
CRASH!

HUFF HUFF
GIGI!? WHAT ARE WE...
...WHERE ARE WE GOING??
I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA, WE'RE JUST...
WE JUST HAVE TO GET FAR ENOUGH AWAY AND WE CAN...
HUFF HUFF
WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT WHEN WE'RE SAFE--

WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
BARK
BARK
OH, COME ON!
WOOF
SNAP
SNAP
ELSIE!!
JUST...
KEEP MOVING!
IT'S TOO FAST WE CAN'T--
GET OUT OF THE GRASS!
GET TO THE TREES!!
GGRRRRR
WOOF WOOF!
LORD, CAN YOU CLIMB?!

LORD?!
LORD!!
HHHHSSSSSSSSS
WOOF WOOF WOOF
WOOF
BARK BARK
MOOSH!!
HEEL!!

GOOD DOG.
PET CITY
SUPERCENTER
END CHAPTER 11.

CHAPTER 12:

UP A TREE

WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF
WOOF WOOF WOOF
DON'T STOP, MILO!
RUN!
WOOF WOOF WOOF
JINGLE
WOOF WOOF WOOF
REOWWW
KIDS!

BE CAREFUL!
WE'RE BEING CAREFUL, MAMA!
MAMA, HE'S SO BOUNCY!
JINGLE
JINGLE
JUST DON'T PLAY TOO ROUGH WITH MR. LUCKY'S DOG!
I'M SORRY. THEY'VE JUST BEEN COOPED UP FOR A LONG TIME.
LOTS OF ENERGY TO BURN OFF.
AW, THEY'RE FINE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ARE YOU OK?

THAT EYE...
IT LOOKS...
IT MUST HURT LIKE CRAZY.
I... HONESTLY, I CAN'T EVEN FEEL THAT SIDE OF MY FACE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO FEEL LIKE. AT FIRST IT FELT LIKE IT WAS ON FIRE.
NOW IT JUST FEELS LIKE... NOTHING.
WE'VE JUST BEEN THROUGH--
KIDS!
STAY CLOSE!
LET THEM PLAY. THEY'LL BE SAFE WITH MOOSH.
THAT DOG'S BEEN CHASING OFF THEM RED-EYED CREEPS FOR MONTHS.
HOW IS IT THAT YOU CAN SPEAK TO HIM? I...
WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO TALK TO DOGS.
I NEVER UNDERSTAND A THING THEY'RE SAYING.
WE GOT A HISTORY, ME AND HIM. I RAISED HIM SINCE HE WAS JUST A PUP.
YOU SWEAR THAT HE'S SAFE?
DARLIN', IF IT'S SAFETY YOU'RE AFTER...

...HAVE A LOOK AT THIS.
YOU BEEN IN ONE OF THOSE BEFORE?
OH MY...
THAT'S WHERE...
THAT'S WHERE MY PEOPLE WOULD TAKE ME FOR A BATH.
PET CITY
SUPERCENTER
SALLY'S DONUTS
FORGET ABOUT BATHS. THEY'VE GOT FOOD IN THERE...
PILES OF IT. BAGS STACKED TO THE CEILING.
AND BEDS. AND TOYS.
TREATS...
AND WE'D HAVE IT ALL TO OURSELVES.
NO CREEP-ERS.
NO FOAMING PSYCHOS CHASING AFTER US.
ONCE I FIGURE A WAY IN.

HOW WOULD YOU EVEN GET CLOSE?
PET CITY
SUPERCENTER
KALI'S DONUTS
THERE'S BAD KIND ALL OVER THE PLACE DOWN THERE. THEY'D--
LORD, RIGHT?
MY NAME'S LUCKY.
YOU FEELING BETTER, LITTLE GUY? DID YOU GET SOME REST?
I... YEAH, I'M FINE.
WE AREN'T JUST GONNA WALK IN THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.
LIKE I SAID, I GOTTA FIGURE A WAY IN.
AND WITH YOU CATS HERE FIGURING ON IT TOO...
...WE'LL FIND A WAY.
WHAT ABOUT HER?

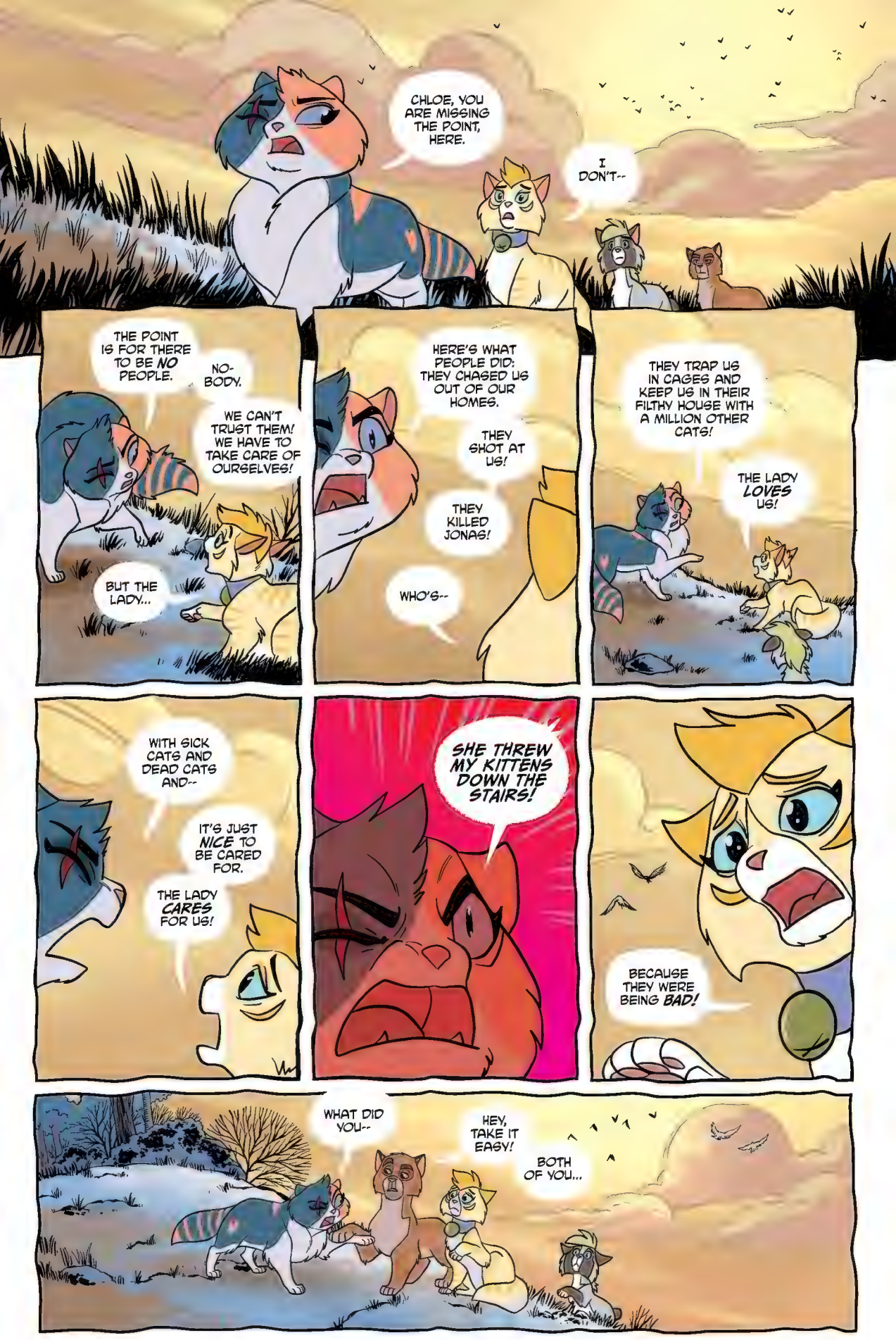
ELSIE DOES THIS.
SHE LIKES THE QUIET WHEN IT'S STRESSFUL.
AND WE--
SHE JUST LOST HER BEST FRIEND.
JUST GIVE HER TIME...
...SHE'S PROCESSING A LOT OF TRAUMA.
WHAT SHE'S *REALLY* PROCESSING...

...IS GUILT.
LET HER STAY UP THERE.
WE'LL BE FINE WITHOUT HER INSTINCTS.
GIGI, THIS ISN'T HER FAULT.
REALLY?! LOOK ME IN THE EYE AND SAY THAT!
EVERY TIME SHE THINKS SHE'S HELPING, SOMEBODY ENDS UP--
I CAN'T HEAR THE KIDS.
HEY, MOOSH ??
WOOF WOOF
HE SAYS THEY'RE SAFE.
I DON'T... UNDER-STAND...
...WHY DO I TRUST YOU?

"I PROMISE, THEY'RE SAFE."
NO! LIKE THIS. LOOK!
ONE AND TWO AND...
THREE AND FOUR AND--
THAT'S WHAT I DID!
NO, YOU DID LIKE...
ONE TWO THREE FOUR.
THAT'S THE SAME THING YOU DID!
SNIFF SNIFF
I DON'T...
MOOSH, WHAT IS IT?
WHAT DO YOU SMELL?
"I'VE STUDIED THIS THING FROM EVERY ANGLE..."

...NOBODY EVER COMES OR GOES. THE DOORS NEVER OPEN.
IF A CAT COULD GET IN THERE...
...HE'D HAVE IT ALL TO HIMSELF.
FOOD.
SHELTER.
A HUNDRED SOFT BEDS.
PETCITY
SUPERCENTER
BUT IT'S SURROUNDED BY CREEPERS.
TEMPORARILY CLOSED
THE WALLS ARE SMOOTH.
NO WAY TO CLIMB...
AND THERE AREN'T ANY WINDOWS OR CRAWL SPACES LOW TO THE GROUND.
BUT THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO--
THE LADY COULD GET US IN THERE.
SHE USED TO TAKE US THERE ALL THE TIME!
THE LADY COULD--
THE LADY??

YES. THE LADY.
SHE KEEPS US.
OH, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE.
THE LADY...
THE LADY IS DEAD!
DID YOU FORGET HOW SHE ALMOST KILLED US IN HER CAR?
DID YOU FORGET WHEN SHE CRASHED US OFF THE SIDE OF THE ROAD?!
THE LADY IS UP THERE!
SMEARED ALL OVER THE PAVEMENT!
I... I KNOW THAT...
BUT I MEAN...
A LADY.
PEOPLE.
PEOPLE COULD GET US IN THERE.


CHLOE, YOU ARE MISSING THE POINT, HERE.
I DON'T--
THE POINT IS FOR THERE TO BE *NO* PEOPLE.
NO-BODY.
WE CAN'T TRUST THEM! WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES!
BUT THE LADY...
HERE'S WHAT PEOPLE DID: THEY CHASED US OUT OF OUR HOMES.
THEY SHOT AT US!
THEY KILLED JONAS!
WHO'S--
THEY TRAP US IN CAGES AND KEEP US IN THEIR FILTHY HOUSE WITH A MILLION OTHER CATS!
THE LADY *LOVES* US!
WITH SICK CATS AND DEAD CATS AND--
IT'S JUST *NICE* TO BE CARED FOR.
THE LADY *CARES* FOR US!
SHE THREW MY KITTENS DOWN THE STAIRS!
BECAUSE THEY WERE BEING *BAD!*
WHAT DID YOU--
HEY, TAKE IT EASY!
BOTH OF YOU...

"...LET'S NOT GET VIOLENT."
HACK
KOFF
KAK
COUGH
ASH! ELEANOR!
WATCH OUT!!
KOFF
KAK
WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
CHOMP!
YIPE--
GRRD.
SNAP

HOLY...
...MOLY!
HIIIISSSSSSSS
GRRR
RRRRR
KOFF
KAGH
HACK
KOFF HA--
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF!
HEY...

...ARE YOU OK?
IT'S GETTING A LITTLE BIT INTENSE DOWN THERE.
Huff Huff
EVERY-BODY'S ANGRY.
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT PATCH?

I'M THINKING ABOUT PATCH.
I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT...
IT WAS JUST--
HE JUST LOOKED SO...
I SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO HIM.
HE SAID WE SHOULD STAY PUT.
IF WE'D STAYED BY THAT TRUCK AND WAITED FOR HELP, MAYBE THE PEOPLE WOULD'VE COME BACK FOR US.
MAYBE NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE...
MAYBE PATCH WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN SICK.
ELSIE, THIS ISN'T YOUR FAULT.
I MEAN...
...SOME OF IT IS YOUR FAULT.
I JUST WANT TO STOP RUNNING.
WE'RE NOT BUILT TO BE IN CRISIS MODE ALL THE TIME.
I WISH IT COULD JUST BE LIKE IT WAS BEFORE...

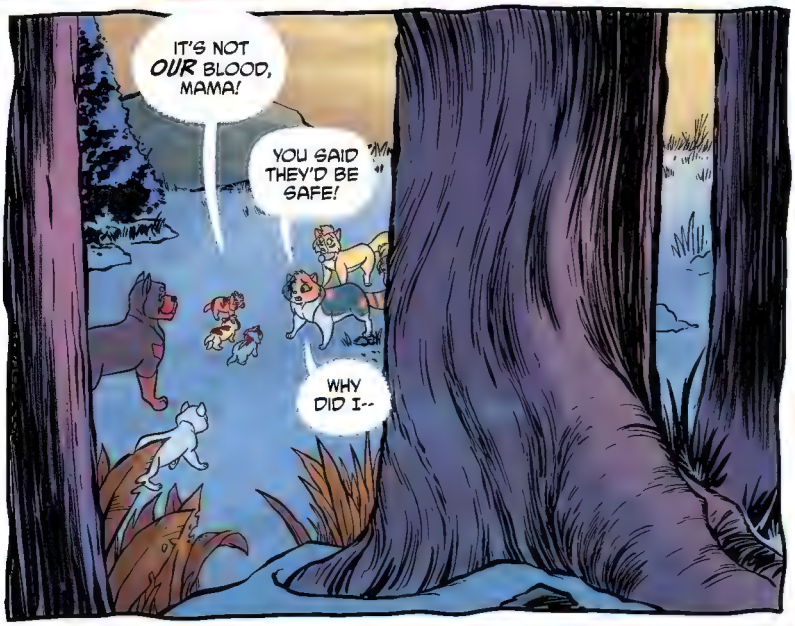
"...WHEN I COULD SIT SOMEWHERE WARM AND BE LEFT ALONE."
"CHLOE'S NOT WRONG FOR WANTING SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF HER."
"...FOR WANTING A HOME."
ARE WE SUPPOSED TO JUST TAKE CARE FOR OURSELVES?
IS IT SO WRONG TO WANT TO BE CARED FOR? LOOKED AFTER?
WHAT IF OUR PEOPLE ARE BACK AT THE HOUSE NOW WAITING FOR US TO COME HOME?
I UNDER-STAND... WHY YOU BELIEVED IN THE LADY BACK THERE.
WE'VE SEEN MORE DEATH IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS OUT HERE THAN WE WOULD'VE SEEN IN OUR WHOLE LIVES AT HOME.
YOU FELT SAFE.

YOU FELT LIKE YOU BELONGED.
LIKE YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ALONE.
I THINK IT MIGHT BE THAT WE'RE ON OUR OWN NO MATTER WHAT.
THAT THE PEOPLE AREN'T WAITING SOMEWHERE TO PICK US UP.
BUT...
WHATEVER IT IS WE'RE LOOKING FOR...
"...I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO FIND IT SITTING AROUND, WATCHING THE BIRDS."
MAMA!
MAMA!

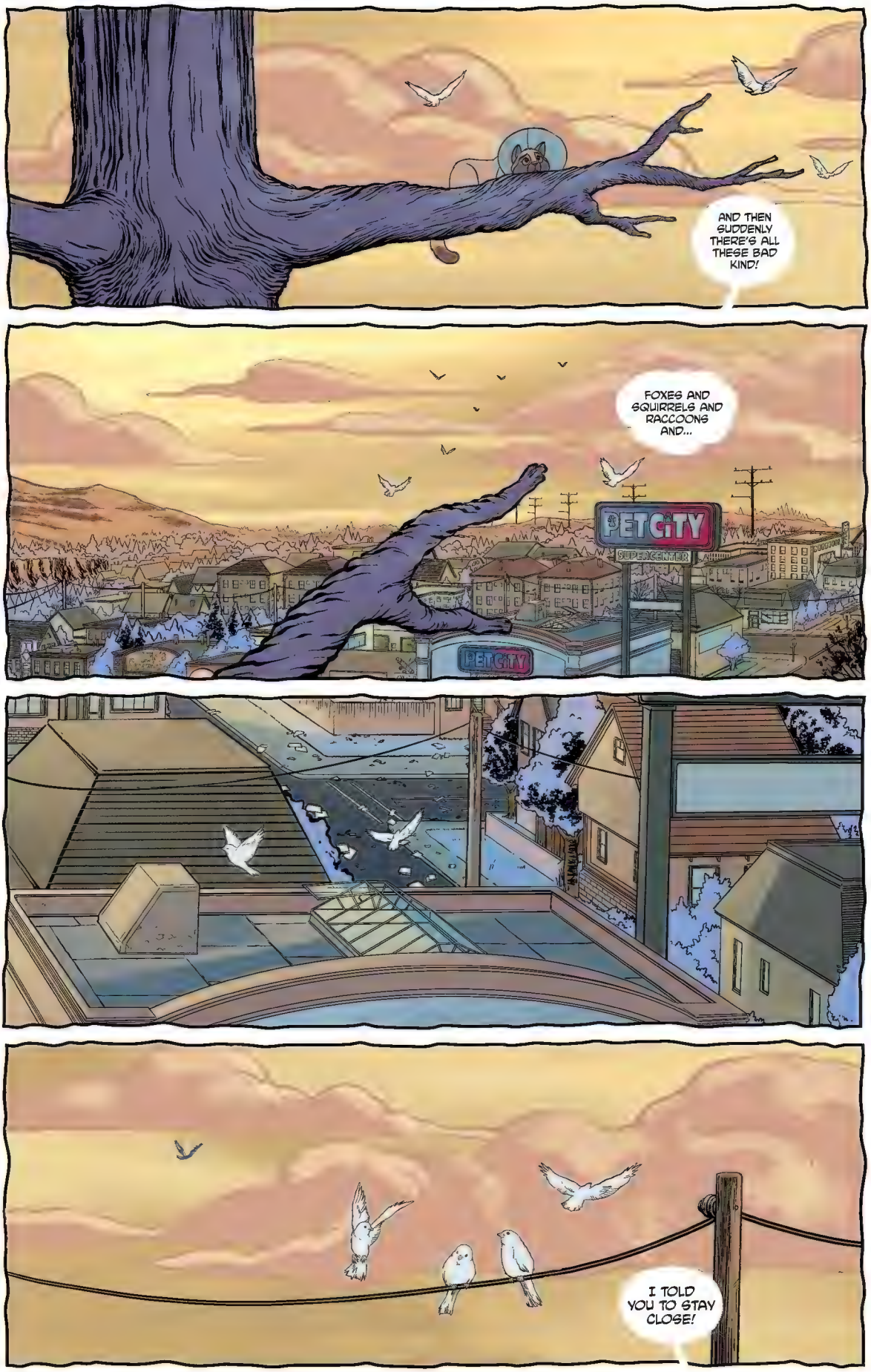
KIDS? WHAT...

WHAT HAPPENED !?
OH MY GOD! ARE YOU--
ARE ANY OF YOU BIT?
ARE YOU OK? ARE YOU--

MAMA, IT'S OK! WE'RE OK!
YOU'RE COVERED IN BLOOD!


IT'S NOT OUR BLOOD, MAMA!
YOU SAID THEY'D BE SAFE!
WHY DID I--

LISTEN! OK, I CAN EXPLAIN.
WE WERE PLAYING LEAF JUMP.
I WAS TRYING TO SHOW ELEANOR HOW TO DO IT BUT SHE'S TERRIBLE AT IT.
HEY!


AND THEN SUDDENLY THERE'S ALL THESE BAD KIND!
FOXES AND SQUIRRELS AND RACCOONS AND...
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PETCITY
I TOLD YOU TO STAY CLOSE!

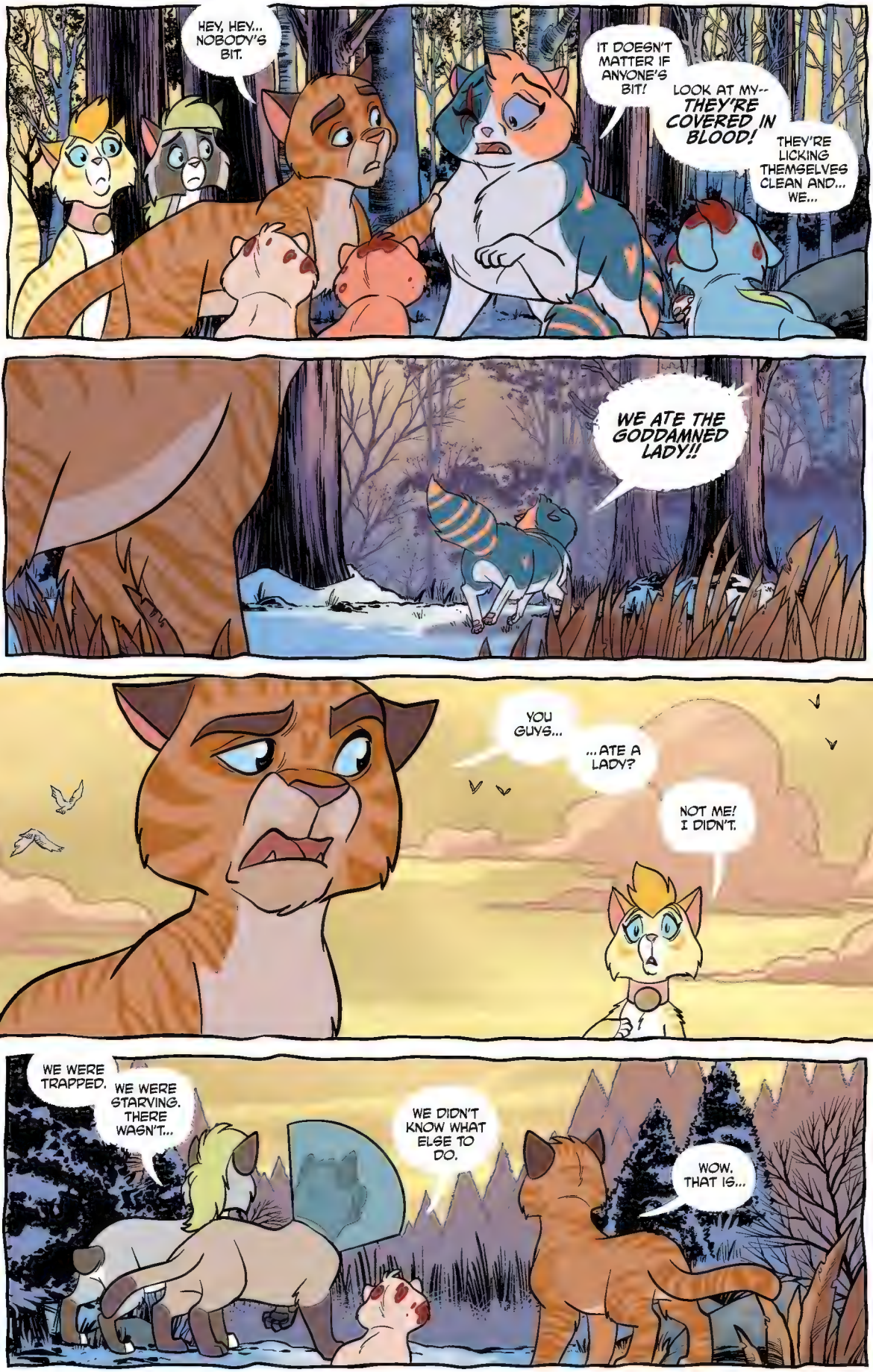
MAMA, WE'RE FINE!
MISTER MOOSH WAS LOOKING AFTER US!
AND GHOST!
THEY STILL COULD'VE BEEN KILLED.
THERE'S STILL BAD KIND EVERYWHERE.
WE'RE STILL OUT-DOORS.
BUT I KNOW HOW TO GET US INSIDE.
PETCITY
SUPERCENTER
BARBER SHOP
END CHAPTER 12.

CHAPTER 13:

CATS AND DOGS

WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!
WE'VE GOT IT ALREADY.
ALL OF US.

WHAT'S THE POINT OF ANY OF THIS?
...IF WE'RE ALL JUST WAITING TO...
GIGI, THIS PLAN CAN WORK!
WE CAN GET TO SAFETY!
I CAN'T HANDLE IT.
I CAN'T HANDLE JUST WAITING TO TURN.
WAITING FOR MY KIDS TO TURN INTO--
WHAT'S SHE TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE JUST ACTING LIKE THIS BECAUSE IT'S MY IDEA.
ELSIE, WE'RE BAD KIND ALREADY!
WE'RE THE SAME AS...
MAMA, WHAT'S WRONG?
I NEVER SHOULD'VE LET THEM OUT OF MY SIGHT.
WHY DID I LISTEN TO HIM? WHY DID I--


HEY, HEY... NOBODY'S BIT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF ANYONE'S BIT!
LOOK AT MY-- THEY'RE COVERED IN BLOOD!
THEY'RE LICKING THEMSELVES CLEAN AND... WE...
WE ATE THE GODDAMNED LADY!!
YOU GUYS...
...ATE A LADY?
NOT ME! I DIDN'T.
WE WERE TRAPPED.
WE WERE STARVING. THERE WASN'T...
WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO.
WOW. THAT IS...

"...MESSED UP."
FOCUS.
HUFF HUFF
THERE ISN'T TIME FOR A--
HEY.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DIE.
I MEAN... SOMEDAY YOU MIGHT, BUT YOU'RE NOT--
YOU CAN'T CATCH THIS THING FROM EATING THE SICK ONES.
OR... I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW YOU CATCH IT.
WHAT?
MOOSH EATS THOSE CREEPS ALL THE TIME.
LOOK AT HIM. HE'S FINE.

LISTEN...
...I WILL EAT ANYTHING I CAN GET MY PAWS ON TO GET BY OUT HERE.
AND I COULD TELL, THE MINUTE I MET YOU, THAT YOU WOULD DO THE SAME.
YOU ATE A LADY?
THAT IS... HARDCORE.
LUCKY, HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS? HOW DO YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE ME FEEL CALM LIKE THIS?
THESE ARE HARD TIMES. WE'RE ALL JUST TRYING TO SURVIVE.
AND PERSONALLY, I'M TRYING TO SURVIVE INSIDE THAT WARM, SAFE BUILDING FULL OF CAT FOOD.
ELSIE HAS A GOOD PLAN...

"...JUST HEAR HER OUT."
ALRIGHT, SO THE WALLS ARE TOO SMOOTH TO CLIMB.
THERE AREN'T ANY CONNECTED BUILDINGS.
BUT THERE'S A WAY IN, RIGHT THERE ON THE ROOF.
WE JUST HAVE TO GET UP THERE.
IF WE CAN CLIMB HIGH ENOUGH ON THAT POLE, IT'S JUST A SHORT WALK ACROSS THE WIRE AND...
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SUPERCENTER
...AND WE'RE IN.
BUT...
THAT'S PRETTY HIGH UP THOUGH, ISN'T IT?
IT'S NOT HIGHER THAN THE TREES WE'VE BEEN RUNNING THROUGH.
YEAH, BUT THERE'S NO GRASS DOWN THERE IF WE FALL.
SO DON'T FALL.
WHAT ABOUT THE BAD KIND?

"YOU'RE NOT WRONG, THEY'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE DOWN THERE."
"THE PARKING LOT IS CRAWLING WITH THEM."
"THERE'S A WHOLE PACK MILLING AROUND THE ENTRANCE TO THAT ALLEY."
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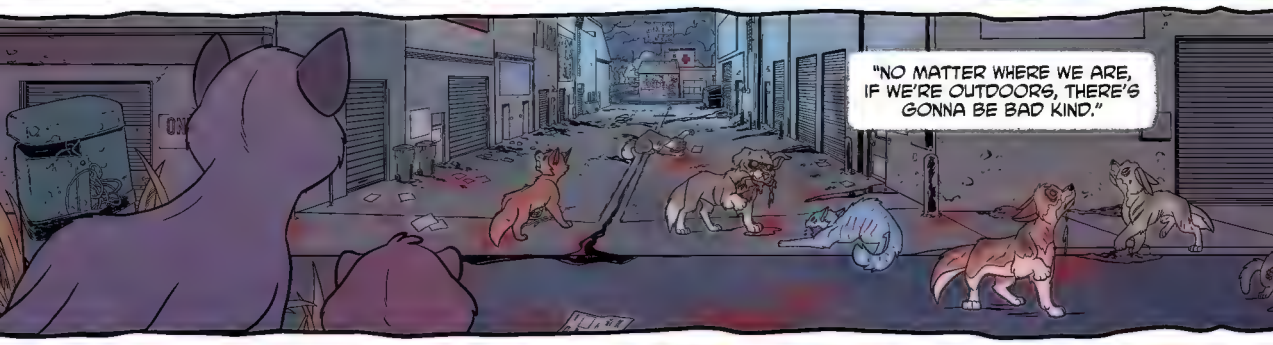
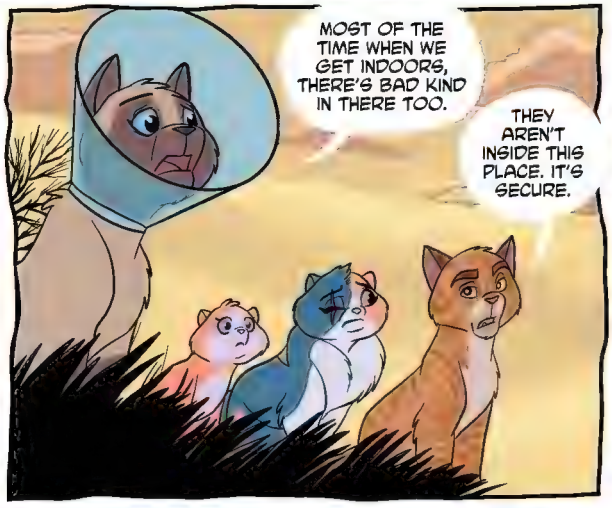
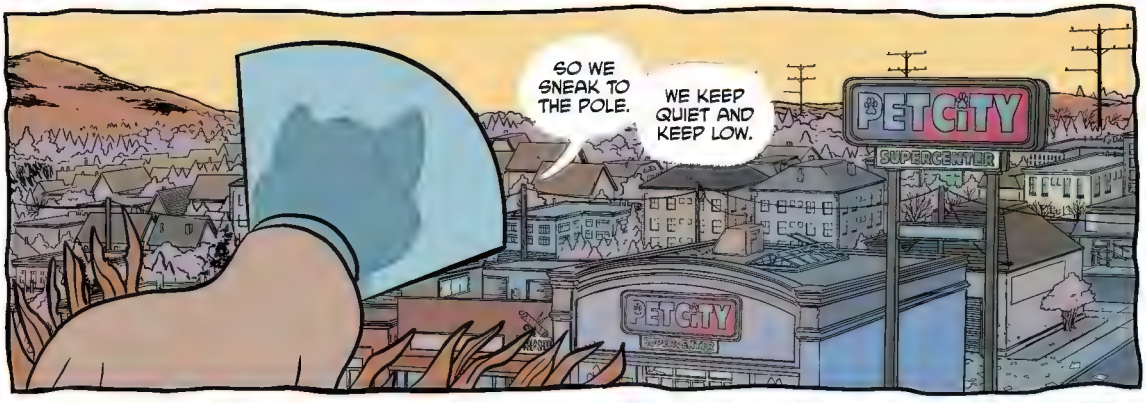

"NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE, IF WE'RE OUTDOORS, THERE'S GONNA BE BAD KIND."


MOST OF THE TIME WHEN WE GET INDOORS, THERE'S BAD KIND IN THERE TOO.
THEY AREN'T INSIDE THIS PLACE. IT'S SECURE.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?!
IF WE CAN GET IN THERE, WHY CAN'T THEY?
THESE DROOLERS AREN'T COOKING UP PLANS TO BREAK IN PLACES.

THEY'RE MESSED UP IN THE HEAD.
THEY'RE ALL JUST RUNNING ON INSTINCT.
OK, BUT *HOW DO WE GET PAST THEM!?*
LUCKY, YOU'VE GOT A BIG KILLER DOG, RIGHT?
CAN HE CLEAR A PATH FOR US?

"YEAH, THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM FOR MOOSH."
"HE LIKES TO PLAY ROUGH."
HACK
COUGH
KHAF
WOOF
WOOF
KAK
HACK


SO WE SNEAK TO THE POLE.
WE KEEP QUIET AND KEEP LOW.
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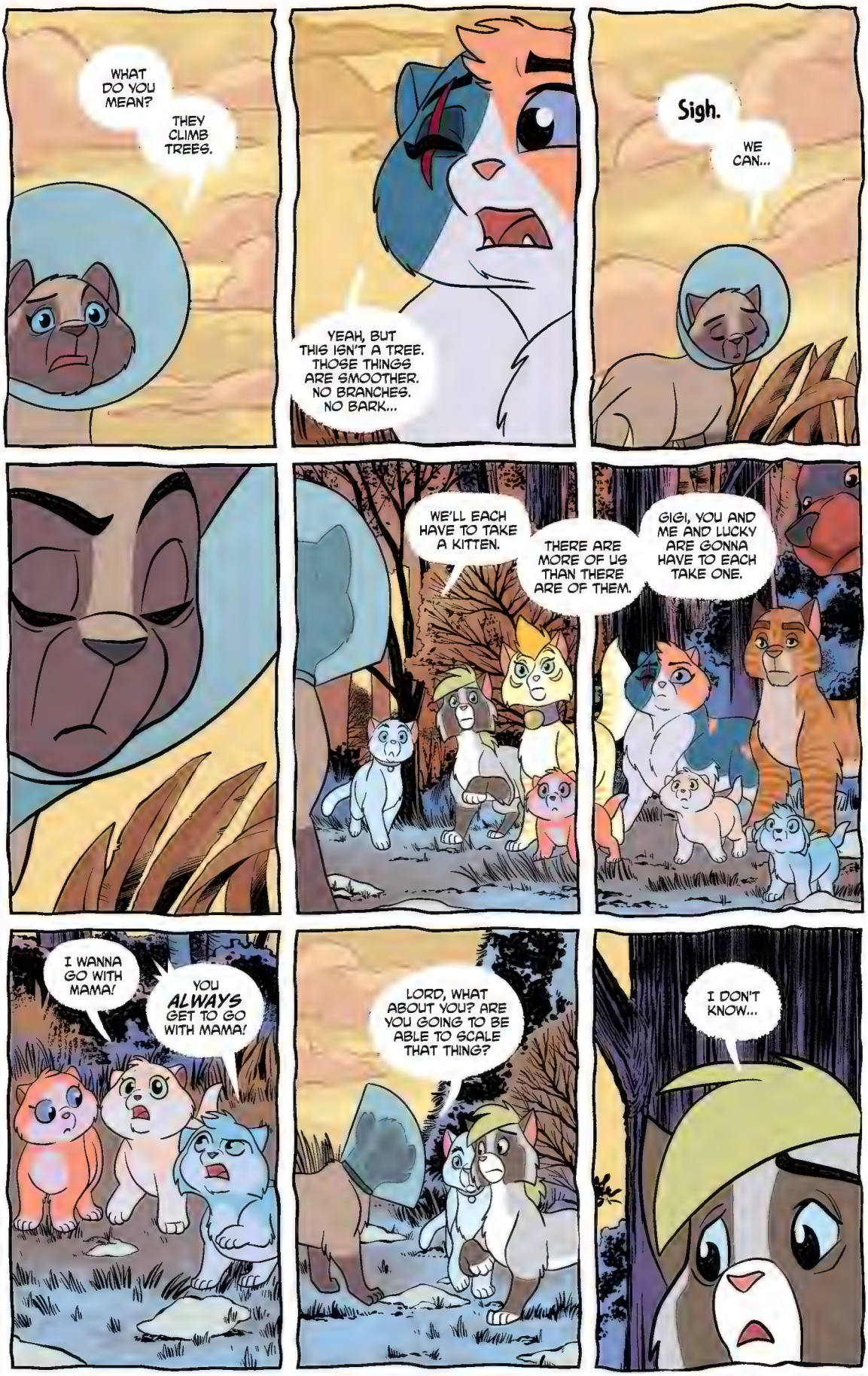
PETCITY

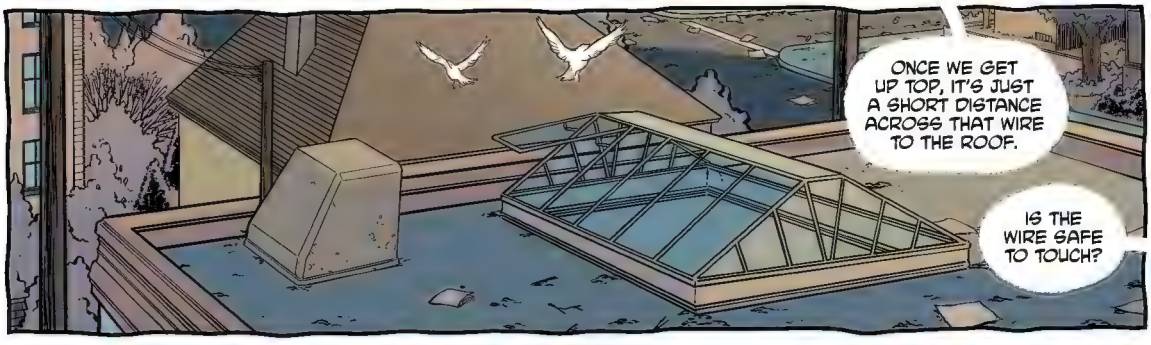
"KEEP OUR EYES PEELED FOR STRAY BAD KIND."
YOU GUYS...
WHERE DID ALL THE PEOPLE GO?

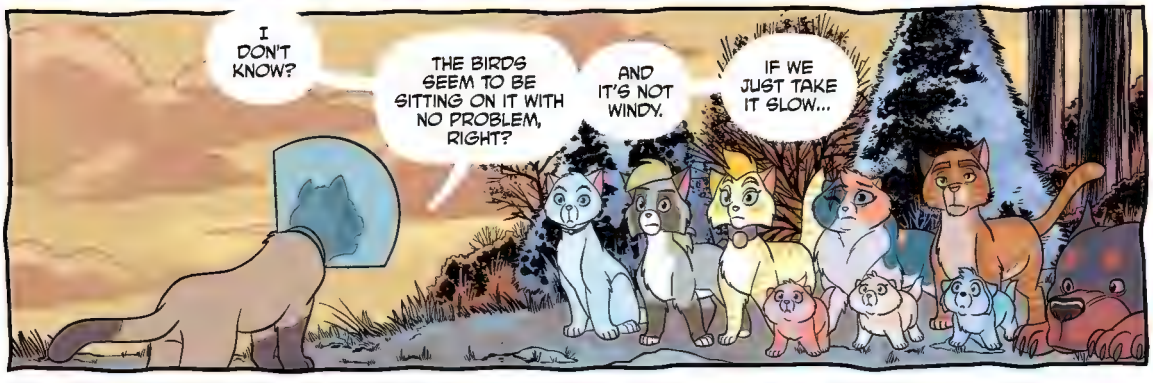
WHAT ABOUT THE KITTENS?
ARE THEY GONNA BE ABLE TO CLIMB UP THAT THING?


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THEY CLIMB TREES.
YEAH, BUT THIS ISN'T A TREE. THOSE THINGS ARE SMOOTHER. NO BRANCHES. NO BARK...
Sigh.
WE CAN...
WE'LL EACH HAVE TO TAKE A KITTEN.
THERE ARE MORE OF US THAN THERE ARE OF THEM.
GIGI, YOU AND ME AND LUCKY ARE GONNA HAVE TO EACH TAKE ONE.
I WANNA GO WITH MAMA!
YOU ALWAYS GET TO GO WITH MAMA!
LORD, WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO SCALE THAT THING?
I DON'T KNOW...

"...PROBABLY, RIGHT? I MEAN..."
"I DON'T REALLY HAVE THE CLAWS FOR THAT SORT OF THING, BUT I CAN PROBABLY FIGURE IT OUT."
KALY'S DONUTS
"I THINK?"

OK.
LORD'S GONNA FIGURE IT OUT WHEN WE GET THERE.


ONCE WE GET UP TOP, IT'S JUST A SHORT DISTANCE ACROSS THAT WIRE TO THE ROOF.
IS THE WIRE SAFE TO TOUCH?


I DON'T KNOW?
THE BIRDS SEEM TO BE SITTING ON IT WITH NO PROBLEM, RIGHT?
AND IT'S NOT WINDY.
IF WE JUST TAKE IT SLOW...

"IF WE'RE CAREFUL, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT ACROSS WITHOUT TOO MUCH TROUBLE."
"AND IF WE SLIP..."

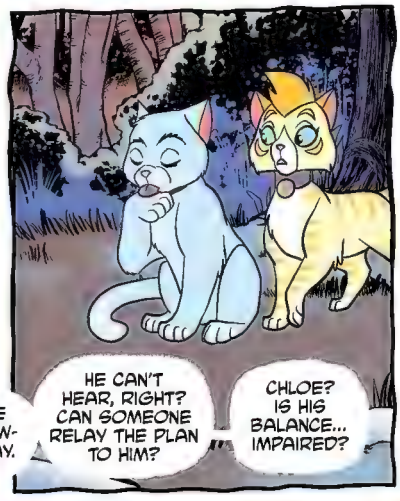
--WE'LL JUST FALL SEVERAL STORIES ONTO THE HARD ALLEYWAY CONCRETE.
NO SWEAT.

GIGI, IT'S NOT GONNA DO US ANY GOOD TO FOCUS ON THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO.
ISN'T IT!? THE WORST CASE IS WHAT HAPPENS EVERY SINGLE TIME WE DO *ANYTHING!*

BUT THIS TIME'LL BE DIFFERENT.

WHAT DO YOU--
BECAUSE THIS TIME YOU'VE GOT *ME* WITH YOU.

WHO *IS* THIS GUY?
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER CAT?
THE STOW-AWAY.


HE CAN'T HEAR, RIGHT? CAN SOMEONE RELAY THE PLAN TO HIM?
CHLOE? IS HIS BALANCE... IMPAIRED?

"IS HE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET ACROSS?"
WHERE IS HE? *GHOST!?*
PLEASE TELL ME HE ISN'T--
CHLOE...

...LOOK.
KALY'S DONUTS
SON OF A GUN.
THAT LITTLE GUY CAN REALLY MOVE!
"THAT'S THE PLAN. IT'S SIMPLE."
LITERALLY, IT'S JUST UP. ACROSS. AND DOWN.
YOU CAN ALL DO THAT, RIGHT?
WE CAN--
HOLD ON. HERE...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO BALANCE WITH THIS DUMB CONE ON YOUR HEAD.
OH.
THANK YOU.
WHAT DID WE EVER DO TO GET SO...

"...LUCKY?"
EVERYBODY GOOD?
ARE WE ALL OK?
SOUND OFF!
WE'RE NOT DEAD YET.
SO FAR, SO GOOD.
LORD, HOW ABOUT YOU?
JUST PUTTING ONE PAW IN FRONT OF THE OTHERS.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE OK.
YOU CAN DO THIS. JUST HOLD ON TO THE WIRE.
I THINK I'M...
I THINK I'M--
GAH!
ELSIE!!
YOU'RE OK. WE'RE GOING TO BE FINE. EVERYTHING IS...

KRAKOOOOOOOM!

...EVERY-THING IS...

ELSIE!!

STAY CALM!

THIS IS NO DIFFERENT. JUST FOCUS.

LORD, YOU HAVE TO KEEP MOVING.

I CAN'T GO IF YOU DON'T KEEP...

ONE PAW IN FRONT OF THE--

KAF KOFF

BAD KIND? WHAT HAPPENED TO...

HACK KAF KAF COUGH HACK KOFF KHAF KAK

OH NO.

YOU'RE OK! I'VE GOT YOU!
ELSIE...
DON'T...
LET ME...
HACK
KOFF
KAGH
KAK
ELSIE!
YOU'VE GOT THIS...
COME ON...
DO YOU HAVE--
WHERE'S ELEANOR!?
MAMA, I'M OK.
I CAN WALK ON THE--
ELSIE, IF YOU LET MY KID FALL OFF THIS--

MAMA, I CAN DO IT!
LOOK! I CAN--
BABY, BE CAREFUL! NOT TOO FAST!
WHERE'S...
I THOUGHT MOOSH WAS CLEARING OUT THE...
KOFF
KOFF
...THE BAD KIND.
HAK
HACK
ELEANOR, SLOW DOWN!
KOFF
KOFF
KAGH
HAK
HACK
YOU'RE SHAKING THE WIRE!
PLEASE JUST...
HACK
KOFF
COUGH
KOUGH
HACK
HACK
ELSIE!
KOFF
HAK
KAK

CITY
SUPERCENTER
AAAAAA
AAAAAA
KAF KOFF
HACK HAK
KOFF KAGH
NO!
HUFF HUFF
OH. NO NO!
SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH
GIGI.
OH GOD, GIGI! I'M SO--
SCRTCH SCRATCH
WE MADE IT! I CAN'T BELIEVE WE...
IS EVERYONE OK?
ELSIE, ARE YOU OK?

I KNOW I MESS UP SOMETIMES, GIGI. I--
YOU SAVED ME. YOU...
I KNOW I DON'T ALWAYS THINK BEFORE I LEAP BUT YOU HAVE TO KNOW I...
KIDS!
HURRY UP. GET INSIDE.
IT'S COLD.
WHEN WE GET INSIDE...
...I'M GETTING MY OWN ROOM!
NOT ME! I'M GONNA SHARE A ROOM WITH MAMA!

YOU ALWAYS GO WITH MAMA.
WOAH!
LOOK AT THAT...
LITTER
LITTER
ALL THIS FOOD!
LOOK! THERE'S TOYS!
AND TREATS! AND...
EVERY-THING...
...WE COULD EVER NEED.

IT'S PARADISE.
IT'S OURS.
YOU GIRLS WORK ON GETTING INTO THAT FOOD.
LORD, LET'S GATHER UP SOME OF THESE BLANKETS.
TRY AND STAY COZY. STAY WARM.
I'M GONNA GO FIGURE OUT HOW TO LET MOOSH IN AND THEN WE'LL--
OH...

PET CITY
SUPERCENTER
CAT FOOD
AISLE
SALE
CAT BED
OH...
WE'RE SORRY.
WE DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ANYONE IN HERE, WE--
HOW...
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
DID YOU COME THROUGH THE ROOF?
WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HERE.
END CHAPTER 13.

CHAPTER 14:

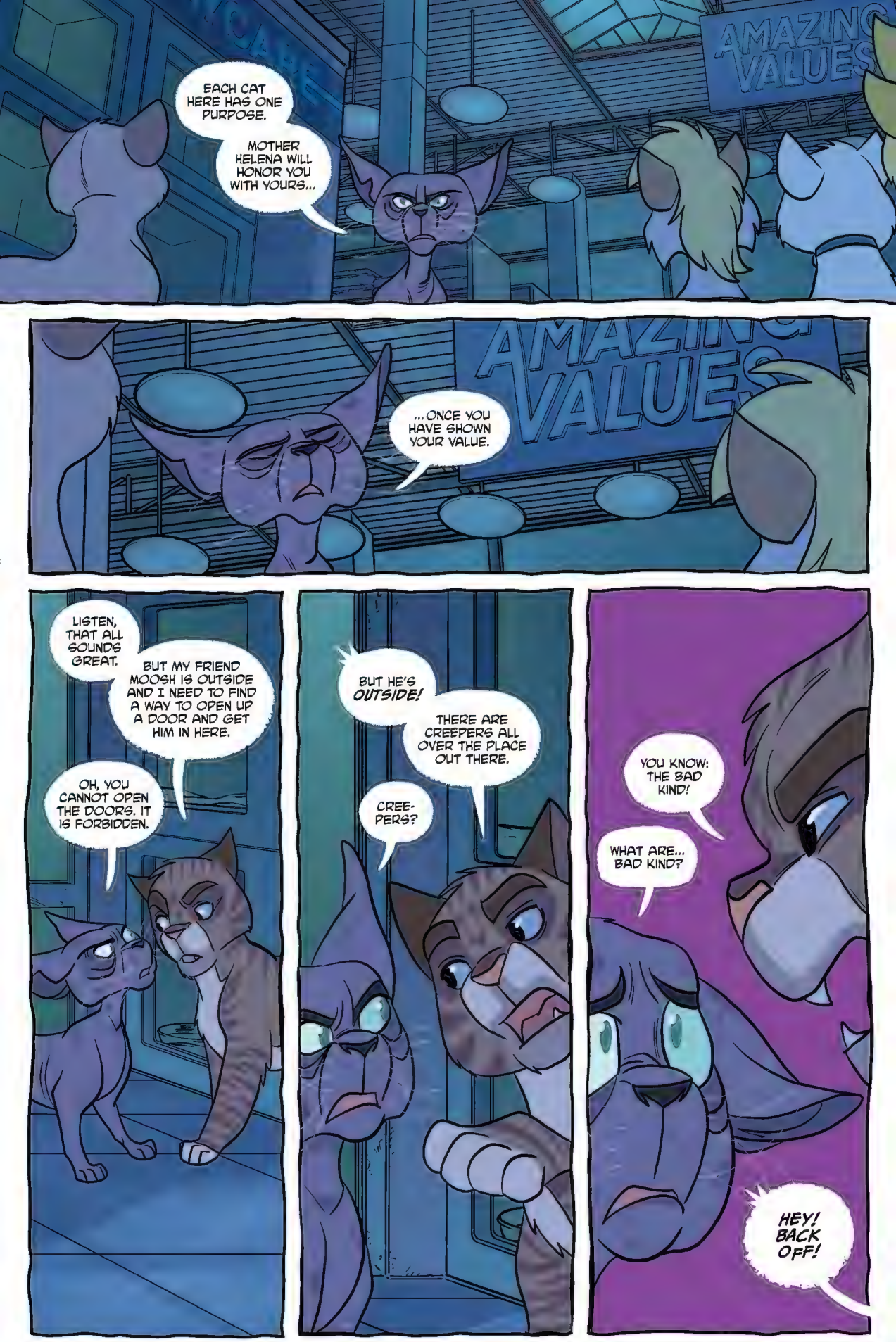
HEAT

OUTSIDERS.
YOU COME FROM THE OUT THERE.
IN THROUGH THE SKY, LIKE THE BIRDS... BUT, YOU ARE... NOT BIRDS?
WHERE ARE YOUR PEOPLE? WILL THEY COME FROM THE SKY TOO?
THERE AREN'T ANY--
WE DIDN'T SEE ANY PEOPLE OUT THERE AT ALL.
WE DIDN'T EXPECT ANYONE TO BE INSIDE HERE EITHER.
WHO ARE YOU?
WHERE DID YOU ALL COME FROM?
I AM NIKO. I AM THE RULER.

WE DON'T COME FROM ANYWHERE. WE WERE BORN HERE.
WE WILL DIE HERE.
UP
RULER? SO, YOU'RE THE ONE IN CHARGE?
ALL THESE CATS LISTEN TO YOU?
OH MY GRACIOUS, NO.
MOTHER HELENA IS IN CHARGE. SHE IS BEGINNING AND END.
I'M JUST THE RULER. I KEEP THE RULES.
I DON'T LIKE THIS.

EVERYONE HAS ONE PURPOSE...
THAT IS MINE.
FOLLOW ME.
WAIT. I'M SORRY, GO BACK.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN OUTSIDE?
SOMETIMES CATS FROM THE OUT THERE WOULD COME.
THEIR PEOPLE WOULD BRING THEM FOR CLEANING OR FOR MEDICINE.
BUT NONE HAVE COME FOR MANY CLOSINGS.
MAMA, THESE CATS ARE STARING AT US.
JUST KEEP WALKING, BABY.
DON'T BOTHER THEM AND THEY WON'T BOTHER YOU.

THERE ARE PRIVATE LOUNGING AREAS...
...SCATTERED ALL THROUGHOUT PETCITY.
FIND A PLACE THAT IS EMPTY AND YOU MAY KEEP IT.
WE HAVE EVERYTHING THAT YOU COULD NEED HERE.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO IT.
HERE IS OUR GATHERING PLACE.
THE CLEANING ROOM.
FOOD PREP IS IN THERE.
THERE IS RELAXATION IN THE MEDICINE ROOM.
AND WE KEEP THE LITTER ROOM FAR FROM SENSITIVE NOSES.
CLUMPING, FRESH SCENT AND UNSCENTED, WHICHEVER YOU PREFER.
EVERYONE HAS A PURPOSE HERE.
THOSE WHO FULFILL THEIR PURPOSE ARE WELCOME TO ALL THAT PETCITY HAS TO GIVE.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
THESE CATS HERE: THE GATHERERS. THE FOOD BRINGERS. THE TIDIERS. THE DISCIPLINERS.
THE WEIRDOS.
OH, YOU SHUSH!
I THINK THEY'RE NICE.


EACH CAT HERE HAS ONE PURPOSE.
MOTHER HELENA WILL HONOR YOU WITH YOURS...
AMAZING VALUES
...ONCE YOU HAVE SHOWN YOUR VALUE.
LISTEN, THAT ALL SOUNDS GREAT.
BUT MY FRIEND MOOSH IS OUTSIDE AND I NEED TO FIND A WAY TO OPEN UP A DOOR AND GET HIM IN HERE.
OH, YOU CANNOT OPEN THE DOORS. IT IS FORBIDDEN.
BUT HE'S *OUTSIDE!*
THERE ARE CREEPERS ALL OVER THE PLACE OUT THERE.
CREE-PERS?
YOU KNOW: THE BAD KIND!
WHAT ARE... BAD KIND?
HEY! BACK OFF!

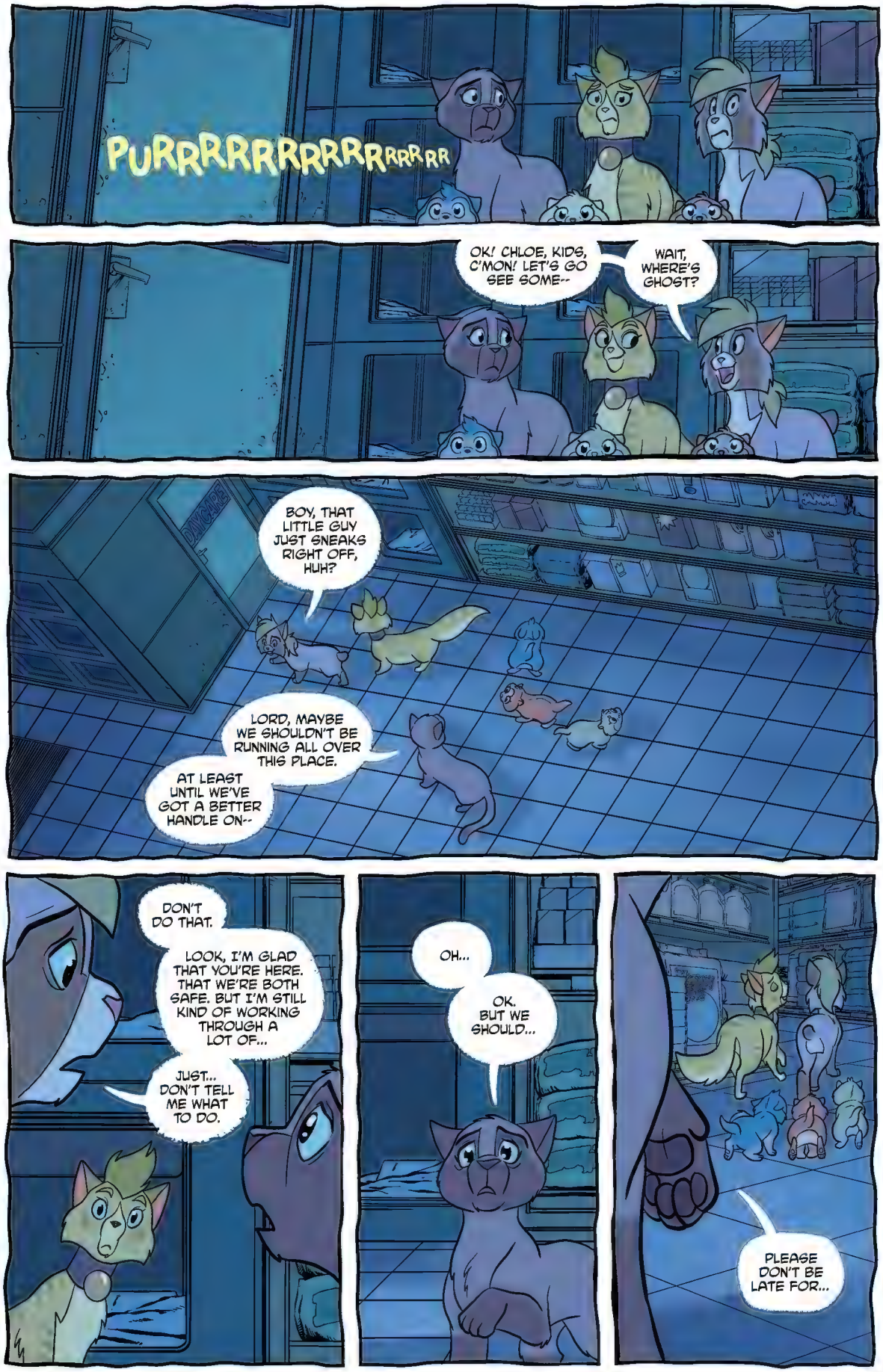
QUIT--!
WHY ARE YOU STARING AT MY--
THEY'RE ACTING LIKE THEY'VE NEVER SEEN KITTENS!!
WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY...
...THAT ARE LIKE THIS.
WHAT IN THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN!?
OF COURSE YOU HAVE!
HALF OF THESE CATS ARE PREGNANT RIGHT NOW!
YOU MUST HAVE--
GIGI!
CALM YOURSELF.
YOU'RE MAKING A SCENE.
SHE IS TIRED.
PERHAPS SHE WOULD LIKE TO REST BEFORE WE EAT.
ALL OF YOU, TAKE TIME. REFRESH. RELAX.
YOU WILL WANT TO BE AT YOUR BEST FOR MOTHER HELENA.

DAYCARE
YUCK.
IS EVERYONE OK?
SOUND OFF.
WE'RE OK, MAMA. WE DIDN'T MEAN TO CAUSE TROUBLE.
I'M NOT SURE HOW I'M FEELING, HERE. WE'RE SAFE FROM BAD KIND.
BUT AFTER THE LADY'S HOUSE, I'M EXTRA SUSPICIOUS OF WEIRD-ASS CATS.
HEY!
I DON'T LIKE THIS ENERGY EITHER.
BUT NOWHERE ELSE WE'VE BEEN HAS BEEN THIS SECURE OR WELL STOCKED.
ELSIE, IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THIS PLACE BEING LIKE THE LADY'S HOUSE...

...JUST DON'T OPEN ANY DOORS.
OK, EVERYONE BE COOL. WE'RE SAFE IN HERE FOR THE MOMENT.
LET'S JUST CHILL AND SEE WHERE THIS GOES.
CHILL? ARE YOU NUTS!?
DIDN'T YOU SEE HOW AWESOME IT IS OUT THERE!?
ENTIRE AISLES OF TOYS!
AND TREATS!!
YOU GUYS CAN RELAX IF YOU WANT.
I'M GONNA GO EXPLORE.

WE WANNA GO TOO!
NO, YOU KIDS NEED TO REST.
A NAP ISN'T A BAD IDEA. STAY HERE WITH ME.
WE CAN LOOK AROUND LATER.
BUT MAMA!
THEY'LL BE FINE.
THEY'RE FINALLY SOMEWHERE SAFE.
LET THEM RUN. LET THEM EXPLORE.
...
OK, BUT STAY CLOSE TO THE GROWNUPS.
SHUT

HOW DO YOU DO THAT? SERIOUSLY.
I'M WORRIED. I'M WOUND UP.
YOU JUST COME IN HERE. I DON'T KNOW YOU.
BUT YOU SAY ONE THING AND I JUST...

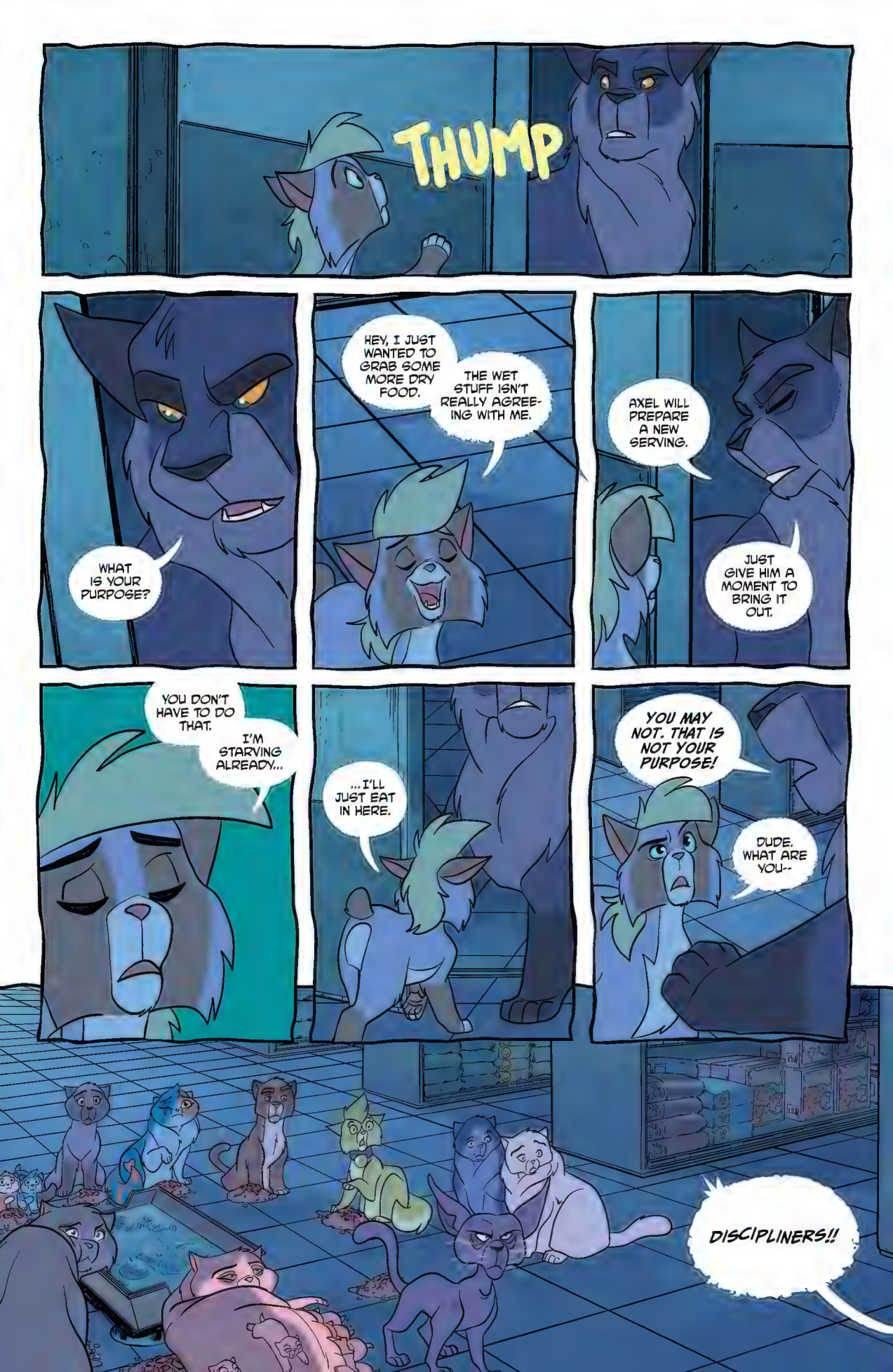

PURRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
OK! CHLOE, KIDS, C'MON! LET'S GO SEE SOME--
WAIT, WHERE'S GHOST?
DAYCARE
BOY, THAT LITTLE GUY JUST SNEAKS RIGHT OFF, HUH?
LORD, MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T BE RUNNING ALL OVER THIS PLACE.
AT LEAST UNTIL WE'VE GOT A BETTER HANDLE ON--
DON'T DO THAT.
LOOK, I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE HERE. THAT WE'RE BOTH SAFE. BUT I'M STILL KIND OF WORKING THROUGH A LOT OF...
JUST... DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO.
OH...
OK. BUT WE SHOULD...
PLEASE DON'T BE LATE FOR...

JINGLE
JINGLE
"...DINNER."
WELCOME, NEW FRIENDS. WELCOME.
PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS.
EVERYTHING HAS BEEN PREPARED.
I THINK YOU'LL BE PLEASED.
WE HAVE A MIXTURE OF DRY AND WET FOOD.

MAMA, WHAT IS IT?
WET FOOD!? HOW DID YOU--
WE HAVEN'T HAD CANNED CAT FOOD IN MONTHS.
HOW DID YOU OPEN THE CANS?
STOP!
WHAT?
TRAVEL CRA
BEDS
RETURN TO YOUR SEAT. HAVE PATIENCE...

MEEP
MEW
MEW
MEEP
"...NO ONE EATS BEFORE MOTHER HELENA."
MEEP
MEW
MEEP
MEEP
MEW
MEW
MEEP
MEEP
MEEP
NIBBLE
NIBBLE
FLOP
NOM
NOM
NOM
NOM

MOTHER, THESE ARE THE CATS I TOLD YOU OF.
THEY CAME FROM THE OUT THERE.
THE BALANCE STILL ISN'T RIGHT. THE FLAVOR...
IS AXEL USING THE GRAIN-FREE MIX?
YEAH, I'M WITH MOTHER SUPERIOR, HERE. THIS TASTES GROSS.
MAYBE IT'S GONE BAD?
I'M GONNA GRAB SOME OF THE KIBBLE WITHOUT THE WET.
YOU SAID THE FOOD'S JUST IN HERE, RIGHT?
STOP! DO NOT GO IN THERE.
THAT IS NOT YOUR PURPOSE.
THAT IS NOT YOUR--


THUMP
WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE?
HEY, I JUST WANTED TO GRAB SOME MORE DRY FOOD.
THE WET STUFF ISN'T REALLY AGREEING WITH ME.
AXEL WILL PREPARE A NEW SERVING.
JUST GIVE HIM A MOMENT TO BRING IT OUT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
I'M STARVING ALREADY...
...I'LL JUST EAT IN HERE.
YOU MAY NOT. THAT IS NOT YOUR PURPOSE!
DUDE. WHAT ARE YOU--
DISCIPLINERS!!

WHAT IS THIS?? WHAT IS--
YOU ARE OUTSIDE OF YOUR PURPOSE.
YOU WERE WARNED TWICE. THERE IS NO THIRD WARNING.
ANY CAT WHO STANDS ALONE, OUTSIDE PURPOSE, WILL BE SUBJECT TO SWIFT AND FINAL DISCIPLINE.
DO YOU STAND ALONE?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU...
WHAT IS 'FINAL DISCIPLINE'?
WILL ANYONE STAND WITH THIS CAT?!
THIS INTERRUPTION WILL END BEFORE OUR FOOD BEGINS TO TURN.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, 'FINAL'--
ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE FINAL. THERE WILL BE NO RETURN.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
ELSIE... PLEASE...
PET CITY
SUPERCENTER
WILL ANYONE STAND WITH--
HE'S WITH ME.

I WILL STAND.
PETCITY
SUPERCENTER
VERY GOOD. TWO CATS STANDING TOGETHER IN PURPOSE. YOU ARE LEARNING.
THERE IS AN ORDER TO PETCITY. A SCHEDULE.
YOU WILL BOTH SHARE IN DISCIPLINE. BUT IT SHALL NOT BE FINAL.
OUTSIDER LORD. OUT-SIDER LUCKY.
NEITHER OF YOU SHALL BE ALLOWED FOOD FOR TWO CLOSINGS.
WHAT!? NO! THAT'S NOT FAIR!
WE ALREADY HAVEN'T EATEN SINCE--
THESE ARE THE RULES.
USE THIS TIME TO REFLECT...
...WHILE MOTHER HELENA DIVINES WHAT YOUR TRUE PURPOSE IS.
NO! THIS ISN'T FAIR! I DIDN'T--
LORD.
KID...

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!!
THANK YOU.
FOR LOOKING OUT FOR HIM. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN...
I SHOULD'VE BEEN THE ONE TO--
YOU NEED TO GET YOUR BOY UNDER CONTROL. FAST.
HE'S GOING TO BLOW THIS THING FOR EVERYONE.
LORD, WAIT...

RATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SLASH
HEY...
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
DON'T WORRY. I'M FINE.
IT'S FINE. I'LL BE FINE.
OH... WELL, THAT'S GOOD?
BUT THAT'S NOT WHY...
Sigh
LORD, YOU HAVE TO TRY AND TAKE IT EASY HERE.
WE'RE STILL FIGURING OUT HOW THIS PLACE WORKS.
THIS COULD BE A PERMANENT HOME FOR US. A SAFE, PERMANENT...
WE CANNOT AFFORD TO MAKE THESE CATS ANGRY.
ELSIE...
PLEASE, JUST PLEASE DON'T SCREW THIS UP FOR US.
ARE... ARE YOU JOKING?
WE JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO--
I HAD A PERMANENT HOME, ELSIE!
BEFORE YOU DRAGGED ME OUT INTO THE WOODS AND THREW ME AWAY!

AND THEN I FOUND ANOTHER PERMANENT HOME! WITHOUT YOU!
WHERE A VERY SWEET, CRAZY OLD LADY KEPT ME AND A HUNDRED OTHER CATS SAFE AND WARM...
THEN YOU SHOWED UP AND IN LESS THAN A WEEK...!
THE HOUSE DEVOLVES INTO A MASSACRE!
AND THE SWEET CRAZY LADY IS SMEARED ALL OVER THE GODDAMN HIGHWAY!
I'M NOT THE SCREW-UP HERE, ELSIE! EVERYBODY LOVES HAVING ME AROUND.
YOU KNOW YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO MESS ALL OF THIS UP.
IT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS DO.
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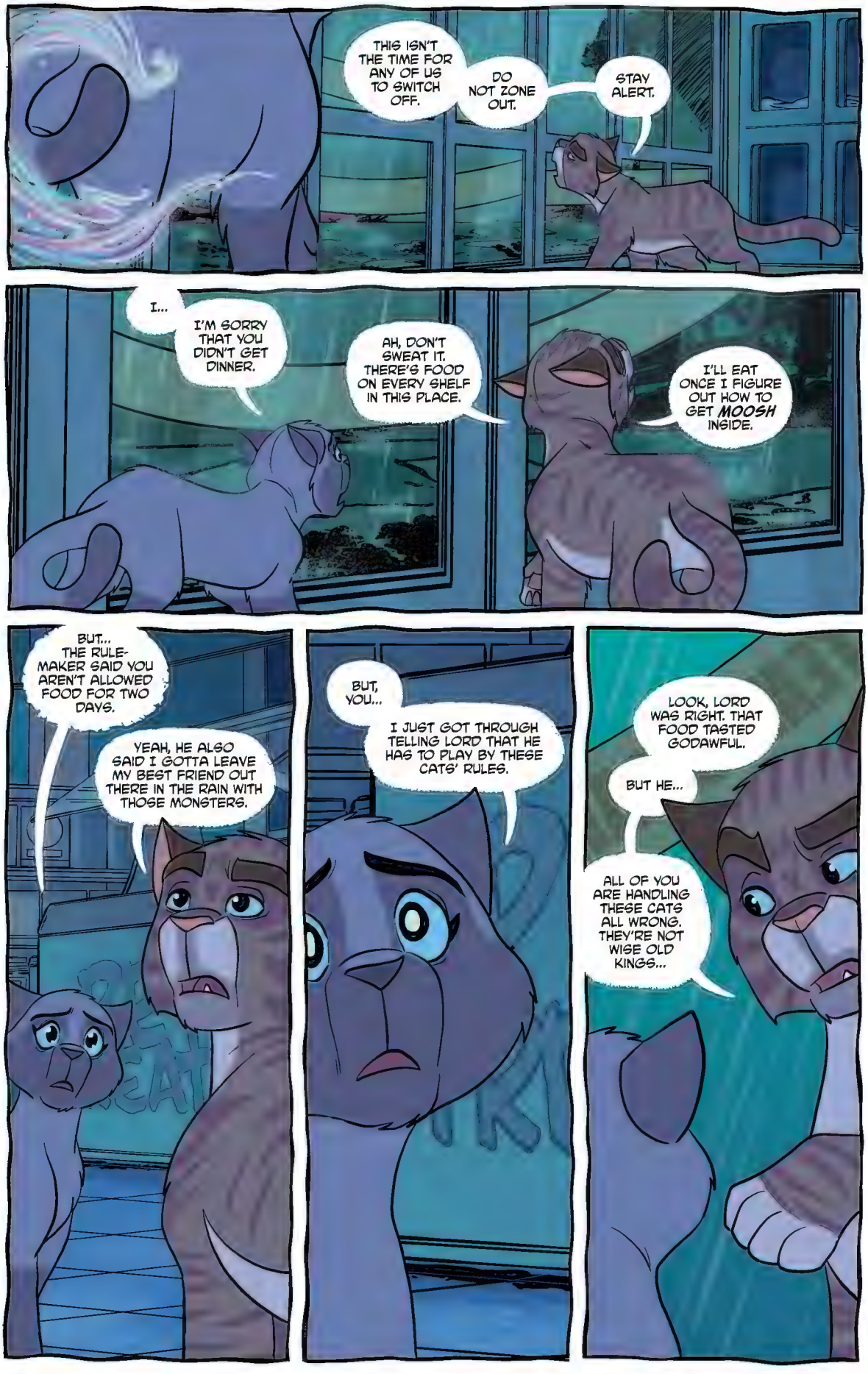
SUPERCENTER
HEY.
DON'T DO THAT.


THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR ANY OF US TO SWITCH OFF.
DO NOT ZONE OUT.
STAY ALERT.
I...
I'M SORRY THAT YOU DIDN'T GET DINNER.
AH, DON'T SWEAT IT. THERE'S FOOD ON EVERY SHELF IN THIS PLACE.
I'LL EAT ONCE I FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET MOOSH INSIDE.
BUT... THE RULE-MAKER SAID YOU AREN'T ALLOWED FOOD FOR TWO DAYS.
YEAH, HE ALSO SAID I GOTTA LEAVE MY BEST FRIEND OUT THERE IN THE RAIN WITH THOSE MONSTERS.
BUT, YOU...
I JUST GOT THROUGH TELLING LORD THAT HE HAS TO PLAY BY THESE CATS' RULES.
LOOK, LORD WAS RIGHT. THAT FOOD TASTED GODAWFUL.
BUT HE...
ALL OF YOU ARE HANDLING THESE CATS ALL WRONG. THEY'RE NOT WISE OLD KINGS...

...THEY'RE CREEPY SHUT-INS.
I DIDN'T ALMOST DIE GETTING IN HERE JUST TO HAVE THESE SOFT, FAT LOSERS TELL ME WHAT TO DO.
THESE CATS WERE BORN SURROUNDED BY EVERYTHING THEY COULD EVER NEED.
THEY'VE NEVER HUNTED. THEY'VE NEVER GONE HUNGRY.
THEY WOULDN'T LAST A SECOND OUTSIDE WITH THOSE CREEPERS.
YOU'RE SMARTER THAN THEM, ELSIE.
YOU KNOW HOW TO HANDLE A SITUATION LIKE THIS...
"YES, SIR." "NO, SIR." "THANK YOU." "NO THANK YOU."
LET THEM THINK THEY'RE IN CHARGE.
SAY WHATEVER THEY NEED TO HEAR TO KEEP THEM SAT ON THEIR FAT ASSES. CONTENT. CAREFREE.
AND YOU STAY ALERT. YOU KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.
AND THE MINUTE YOU SEE YOUR OPPORTUNITY...
THE SECOND YOU SEE WHAT YOU WANT...

"...YOU TAKE IT."
END CHAPTER 14.

CHAPTER 15:

CAT FIGHT

PET CITY
HACK
KAFF
KOFF
KAFF
KA
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
HACK
KOFF
KOFF
KAK
SNAP
SKLUTCH
MNCH
NOM
CRUNCH
SO HUNGRY...

GOOD MORNING.
MMMMMM
MORNING ALREADY?
I COULD SLEEP FOR ANOTH--
YEEEEEOOOOOWWWWLL
OH MY GOD!
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
THEY GOT IN! BAD KIND!
WE HAVE TO MOVE. WE HAVE TO GET THE OTHERS. WE HAVE TO--
COME ON!! WHY AREN'T YOU MOVING?!
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT SOUND? REALLY?
IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE DYING!
COME ON, HOUSE CAT.
THAT'S SOMEBODY HAVING KITTENS.
REALLY !?
YEAH, REALLY. YOU KNOW... YOU PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT...
...THAT COULD BE US ONE DAY.

OOOOKAY.
YOU'VE JUST OVER-STAYED YOUR WELCOME.
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, I'LL GO.
AND MAKE SURE NOBODY SEES YOU LEAVE.
OH, WHO'S GONNA SEE ME LEAVE?
"YOU KNOW WHO!"
THERE SHE IS.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.
YOU HAVE? I'VE BEEN RIGHT HERE.
SAME PLACE I WAS YESTERDAY.
ME AND THE KIDS.

"I DON'T SEE ANY KIDS HERE."
"THEY'RE OUT EXPLORING. THEY KNOW NOT TO GO TOO FAR."
THERE'S ONE!
THAT'S NOT A FISH, MILO, IT'S A LEAF.
WHAT ABOUT DOWN THERE, NEXT TO THE ROCK?
NEXT TO THE ROCK?
THAT'S ANOTHER ROCK.
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
THERE'S FISH IN ALL THE PICTURES BUT NO FISH IN THE WATER.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FISH?
WE ATE THEM.
THEY WERE STARVING. WE ALL WERE.

WHEN THE PEOPLE LEFT, THEY LEFT EVERYONE PILES OF EXTRA FOOD.
FOR THE CATS, THE FISH, THE BIRDS, THE RODENTS...
BUT SOON THE FOOD RAN OUT. THE FISH...
...THEIR FOOD WAS GONE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. THEY DID NOT PORTION OR PLAN.
THEY STOPPED SWIMMING. THEY STOPPED SPLASHING. THEY WERE WEAK.
THEY WERE DYING.
SO WE ATE THEM FIRST.
AND THEN THE BIRDS.
AND THEN WE ATE THE--
GAH!
MISTER, YOU'RE TOO CLOSE!
HEY!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO LEAVE MY KIDS ALONE!
WE WERE ONLY TALKING. WE JUST...
...WE'VE NEVER SEEN KITTENS THAT BIG BEFORE.
SEE! WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?!
I'M TRYING TO BE COOL HERE BUT WHAT DOES THAT--
BE CALM. LELAND MEANS NO HARM.
HE IS ONLY--
I'M STARVING!

C'MON, PLEASE!
MAY I PLEASE HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT!?
IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS!
OUTSIDER LORD. YOUR PUNISHMENT IS NEARLY OVER.
IT WILL END AT DINNER. YOU MAY EAT THEN.
BUT I'M HUNGRY NOW! PLEASE!!
JUST SOMETHING SMALL? A TREAT?? ANYTHING!
I WOULD BE CAREFUL.
WHINING IS ALSO AGAINST PETCITY RULES.
LORD, STOP.
BUT I'M DYING!
MY... MY STOMACH ACHES!
MY HEAD--
ONE MORE DAY.
YOUR PUNISHMENT IS EXTENDED FOR ONE MORE DAY.
WHAT!!?
WAIT!

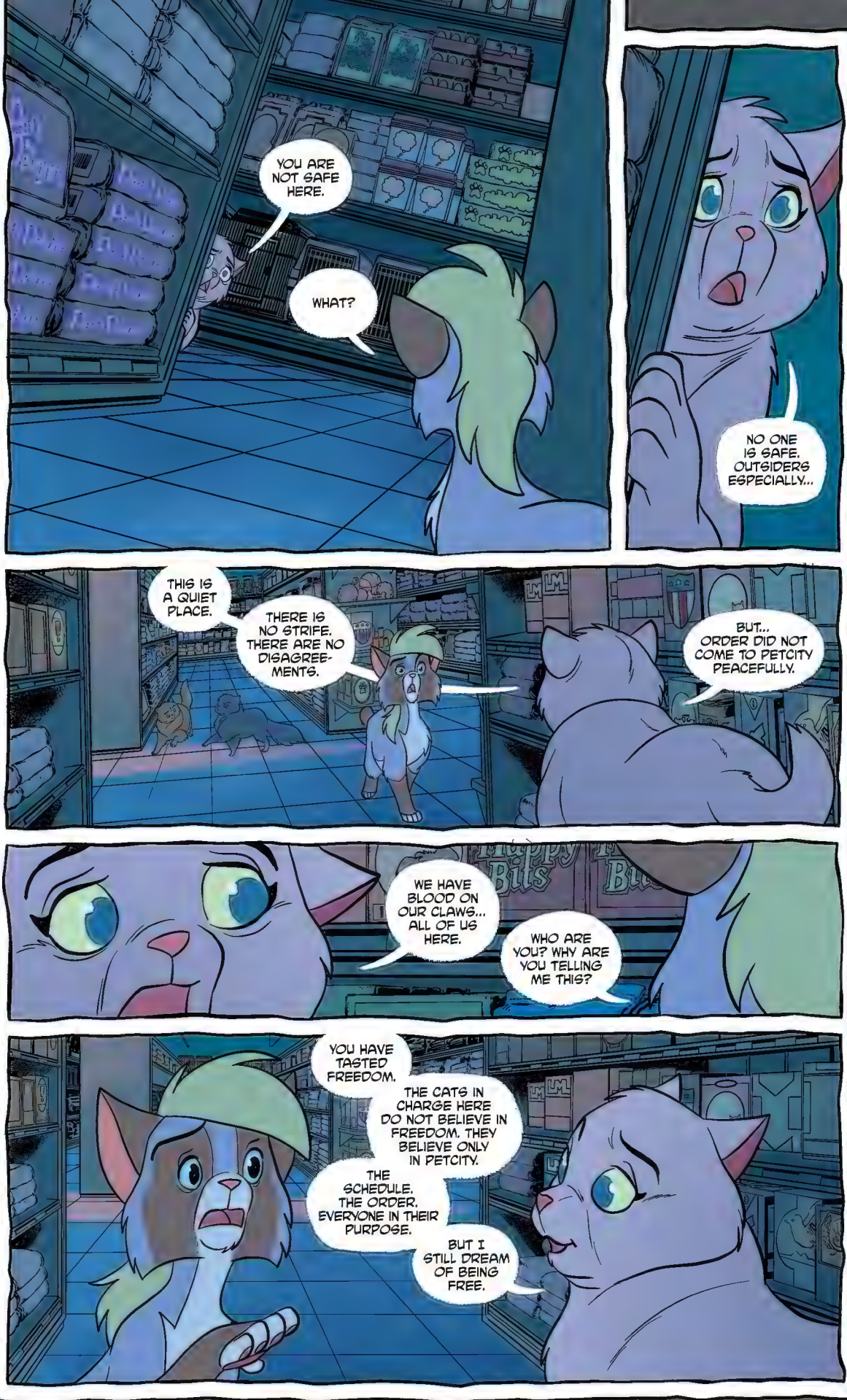
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
HE DOESN'T KNOW ANY BETTER!
WE HAVE RULES HERE FOR A REASON. YOU OUTSIDERS WOULD DO WELL TO--
WELL, YOUR RULES ARE WRONG!
THEY'RE ARBITRARY!
YOUR RULES DON'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SOMEONE'S SITUATION OR CIRCUMSTANCES.
WHERE THEY'VE BEEN...
WHAT THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH!
ELSIE...
YOU CATS HAVE ONLY SEEN LIFE INSIDE THESE WALLS...
IT'S A NIGHTMARE OUT THERE.
AND HE WAS OUT THERE LIVING IN IT.
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH TRAUMA AND STARVATION AND LIFE-OR-DEATH SITUATIONS EVERY DAY AND... AND...
AND IF LORD SAYS HE'S HUNGRY--
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S HUNGRY!

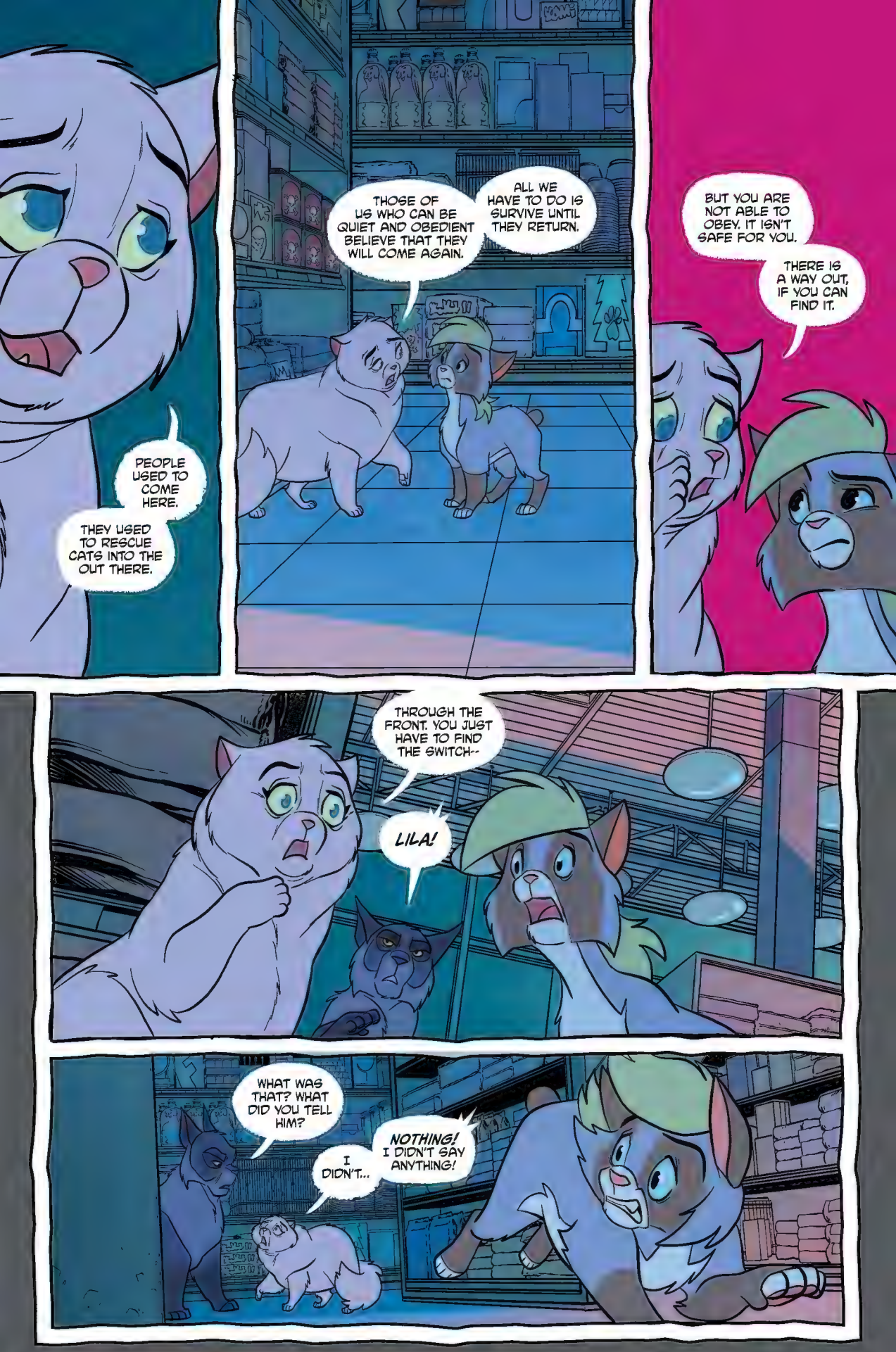
WHAT'S ALL THIS RUCKUS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
NOTHING. I'VE GOT THIS.
ELSIE, WE DON'T NEED ALL THIS.
I JUST--
I JUST NEED FOOD!
DINNER'S JUST A FEW HOURS AWAY. IT'S OK.
NO, IT'S NOT OK!
THESE CATS THINK THAT BECAUSE THEY WERE BORN IN HERE THAT THEY'RE SOME KIND OF AUTHORITY.
THEY'RE NOT!
THEY'RE WEIRD SHUT-INS!
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF!
WOAH! I DIDN'T SAY ALL THAT.
LOOK AT THEM!
THEY AREN'T SKIPPING EVEN A SINGLE MEAL!
OUT-SIDER ELSIE.
FOR YOUR INSOLENCE, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FOOD FOR ONE CLOSING.

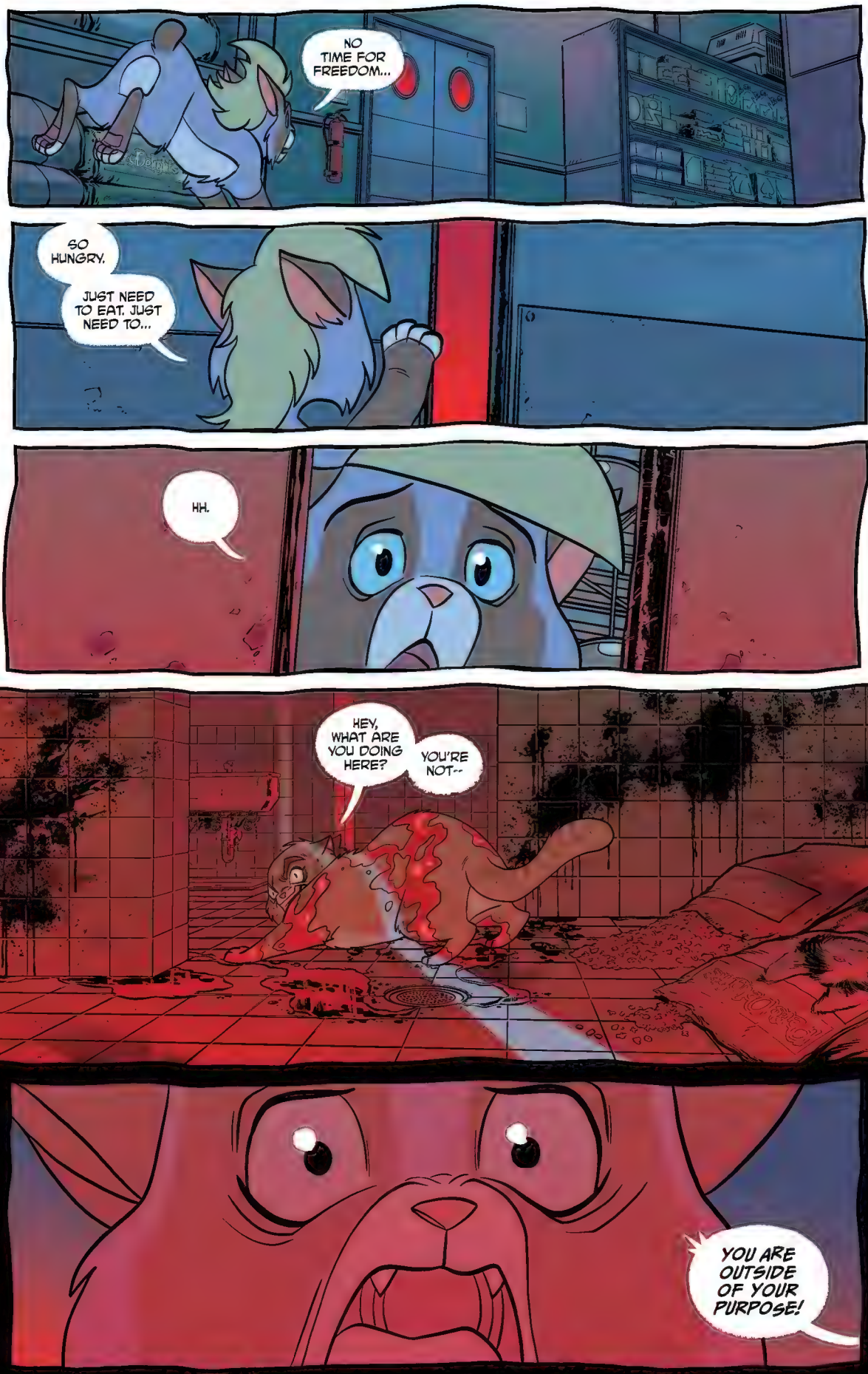
THAT'S FINE. I'M NOT THE ONE WHO HASN'T EATEN.
I'M FINE!
MAKE IT THREE DAYS! I DON'T CARE.
THERE ARE MOTHERS RESTING.
YOU WOULD BE WISE TO LOWER YOUR VOICE.
THERE ARE PUNISHMENTS MORE SEVERE THAN WITHHOLDING MEALS.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT SUPPOSED TO--
OK, EVERYBODY CALM DOWN.
DON'T TELL ME TO--
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS.
HEY, QUIT PUSHING!
GET OUT OF MY WAY.
QUIT--
SLAP!

ELSIE, WAIT...!
ALRIGHT, WHICH ONE OF YOU HIT HER?
WE'RE TRYING OUR BEST HERE.
WE'RE TRYING TO FOLLOW YOUR RULES.
BUT IF YOU GUYS WANT TO GET VIOLENT...
GURRGLE

...WE CAN GET VIOLENT.
SO... HUNGRY...
JUST NEED A LITTLE... JUST NEED TO FIND...
GURGLE
...FOOD PREP ROOM.
PST..


YOU ARE NOT SAFE HERE.
WHAT?
NO ONE IS SAFE. OUTSIDERS ESPECIALLY...
THIS IS A QUIET PLACE.
THERE IS NO STRIFE. THERE ARE NO DISAGREE-MENTS.
BUT... ORDER DID NOT COME TO PETCITY PEACEFULLY.
WE HAVE BLOOD ON OUR CLAWS... ALL OF US HERE.
WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?
YOU HAVE TASTED FREEDOM.
THE CATS IN CHARGE HERE DO NOT BELIEVE IN FREEDOM. THEY BELIEVE ONLY IN PETCITY.
THE SCHEDULE. THE ORDER. EVERYONE IN THEIR PURPOSE.
BUT I STILL DREAM OF BEING FREE.


PEOPLE USED TO COME HERE.
THEY USED TO RESCUE CATS INTO THE OUT THERE.
THOSE OF US WHO CAN BE QUIET AND OBEDIENT BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL COME AGAIN.
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SURVIVE UNTIL THEY RETURN.
BUT YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO OBEY. IT ISN'T SAFE FOR YOU.
THERE IS A WAY OUT, IF YOU CAN FIND IT.
THROUGH THE FRONT. YOU JUST HAVE TO FIND THE SWITCH--
LILA!
WHAT WAS THAT? WHAT DID YOU TELL HIM?
I DIDN'T...
NOTHING! I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING!

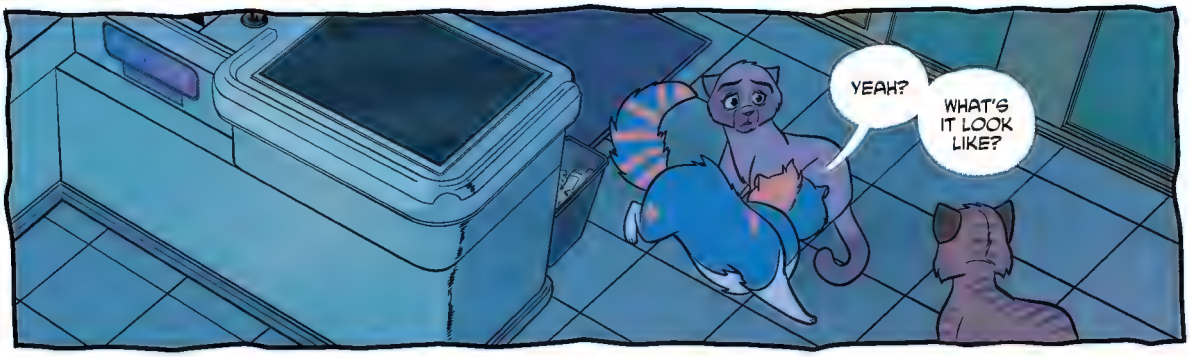

NO TIME FOR FREEDOM...
SO HUNGRY.
JUST NEED TO EAT. JUST NEED TO...
HH.
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU'RE NOT--
YOU ARE OUTSIDE OF YOUR PURPOSE!

SUPERCENTER
HEY.
ARE YOU OK?

I HATE IT HERE.
WHY CAN'T ANYTHING JUST BE SIMPLE?
WE'RE FINALLY SOMEWHERE WHERE I CAN GO OFF AND BE ALONE BUT...
BUT THERE STILL ISN'T PEACE.
THIS IS JUST WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE PART OF SOMETHING.
IT'S RELATIONSHIPS. IT'S FAMILY. EVERYONE THAT YOU LET CLOSE TO YOU...
EVERYONE WHO YOU GET TANGLED UP INTO YOUR LIFE?
THAT'S SOMEONE WHO CAN MESS YOU UP.
BUT WHAT'S THE OTHER OPTION?
BE COMPLETELY ALONE?

YOU COULDN'T BE ALONE INSIDE HERE IF YOU TRIED.
BUT YOU CAN LET THE OTHER CATS FEND FOR THEMSELVES ONCE IN A WHILE.
THEY'RE GROWN-UPS.
BUT LORD--
LORD ESPECIALLY.
IF YOU WANT PEACE, YOU'LL START TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN YOURSELF AND CATS LIKE HIM.
YOU'RE STRONGER THAN THEM, ELSIE.
I DON'T FEEL STRONGER.
YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE.
AH...
PUURR
URRRR
ELSIE, ARE YOU OK?

GIGI...
THIS ISN'T WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.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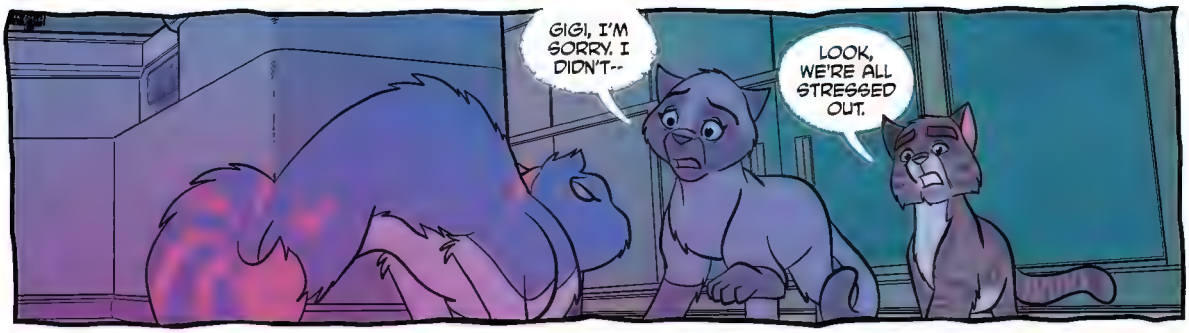
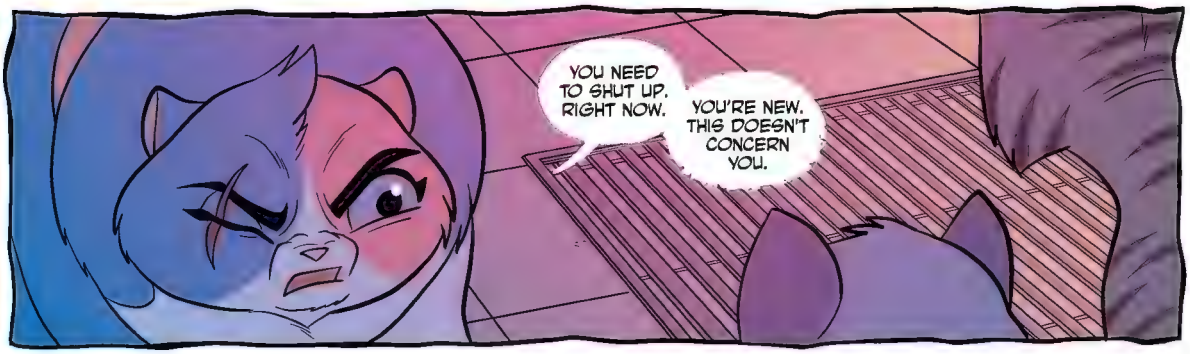
WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE?


GIGI, I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T--
LOOK, WE'RE ALL STRESSED OUT.

SOMETIMES STRESS CAN MAKE US CRAZY.
MAKE US CONFUSED.
MAKE US THINK WE SEE THINGS THAT WE DIDN'T ACTUALLY--


YOU NEED TO SHUT UP. RIGHT NOW.
YOU'RE NEW. THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK. I WAS UPSET...
LUCKY WAS JUST HELPING ME TO--
STOP TALKING.
YOU DESTROY EVERY-THING.
EVERY-THING!
GIGI, I--
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER WORD.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU. I DON'T WANT TO KNOW YOU.
YOU STAY FAR AWAY FROM ME...
GIGI, WE'RE LOCKED INSIDE HERE TOGETHER.
WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO--?
...AND YOU STAY AWAY FROM MY KIDS.
WHAT?! THIS DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH--
I PRACTICALLY RAISED THOSE KITTENS WITH YOU!
YOU CAN'T--
SLAP!

GIGI, WHAT ARE YOU...
HIIssssss
SSSSSSS
GIGI...
REEOWwwwwwwww!!
GKK...
SLAM!

GIGI, PLEASE...
...STOP!!
HIIIIIS
BANG!
RUN! WE HAVE TO...
THE PETCITY CATS, THE CATS THEY'RE...
THEY'RE EATING BABIES!
WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
TREATS
KID, YOU'RE DELIRIOUS. THEY'RE NOT EATING--
NO, HE IS RIGHT...

...WE EAT OUR YOUNG.
MMM...
...WE EAT RULE-BREAKERS TOO.
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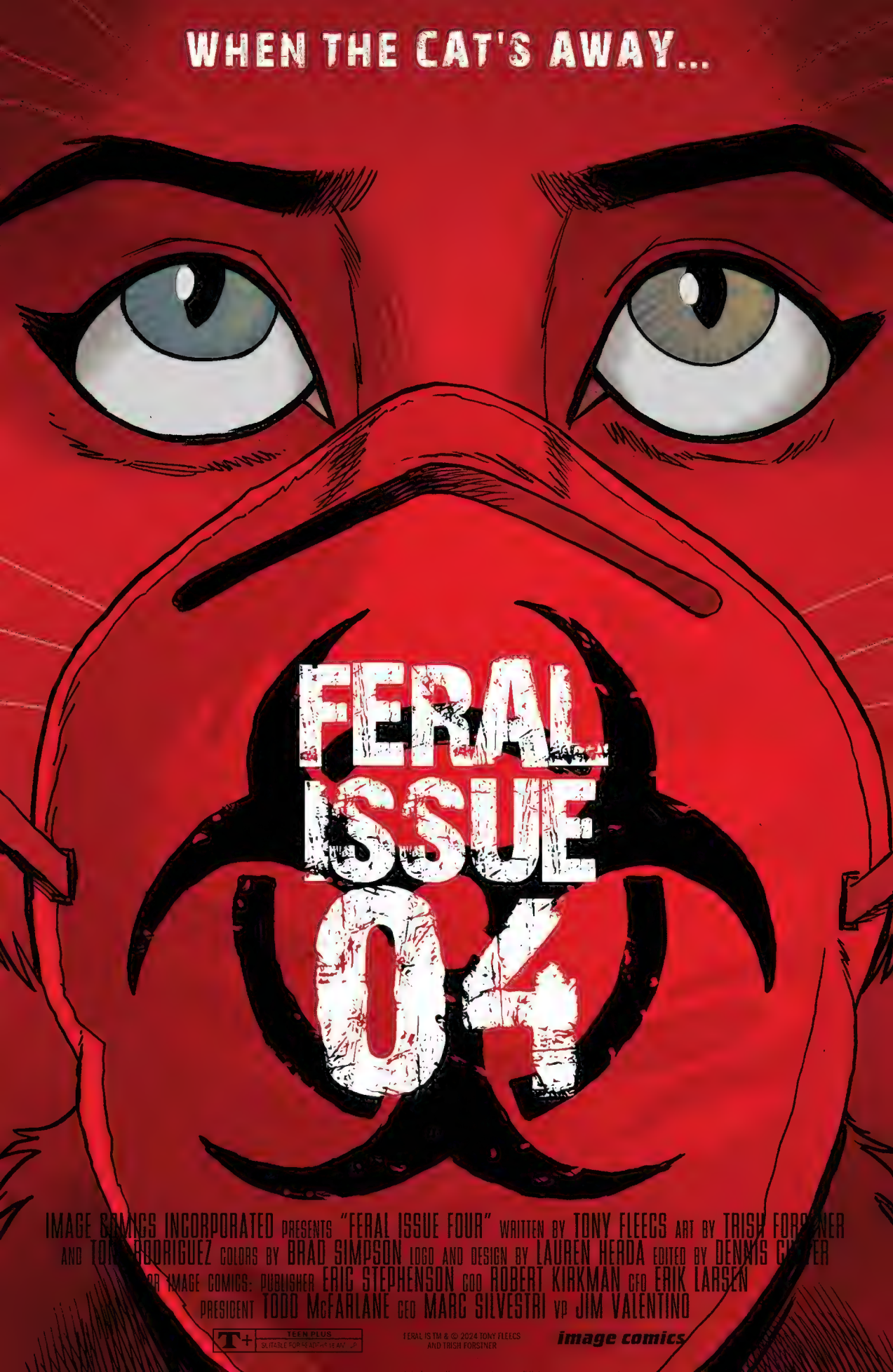

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TONY FLEECS

Tony's comic books have sold hundreds of thousands of copies in the United States and have been translated and reprinted all over the world. His creator-owned work includes **Jeff Steinberg: Champion of Earth** (2016), **Time Shopper** (2021), **LOCAL MAN** (2023), and **Uncanny Valley** (2024).

He has also worked on such titles as **Star Wars**, **Wolverine**, **Super-Pets**, **Batman**, **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**, **Transformers**, and just a literal TON of **My Little Pony**.

STRAY DOGS (2021), his breakout hit collaboration with Trish Forstner, has sold nearly a million copies across all formats.

TRISH FORSTNER

The co-creator of **STRAY DOGS**, Trish Forstner has a lifetime of experience creating fun, lovable characters. She's been drawing since she could hold a pencil. Trish loves classic animation and has drawn influence from many sources, particularly Classic '80s and '90s toons.

You've seen her work in IDW's **My Little Pony** comic series as well as on **Disney's Gargoyles**, **Darkwing Duck**, **Scar** and **Lilo and Stitch**.

TONE RODRIGUEZ

A comic book creator from Los Angeles, California, Tone Rodriguez has worked for nearly every major comic publisher over the past 25 years, including Image Comics, Dark Horse, Top Cow, Cross-Gen and Bongo Comics on titles from **SHADOWHAWK** and **Conan** to **The Simpsons** and **Futurama Comics**.

He also contributed to many TV projects, creating the look of The Dark Defender on **Showtime's Dexter** TV show and The Adventures of Jimmy Halpert comic for **NBC's The Office**.

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